



Weather for the Mariner



"Uh oh. . . looks like we have another one of those lateral-transfer meteorologists."

OBJECTIVES

- Air Masses
- Fronts
- Wind/Waves
- Sea State
- Clouds
- Wx Charts

Air Masses & Fronts

- Air masses
 - Source regions
 - Classification
 - Introduce Stability
 - Air masses of North America
- Fronts

cP, mP, cT, mT, cA, mE

cP = Continental Polar – dry, cold air

mP = Maritime Polar – moist, cold air

cT = Continental Tropical – dry,
warm air

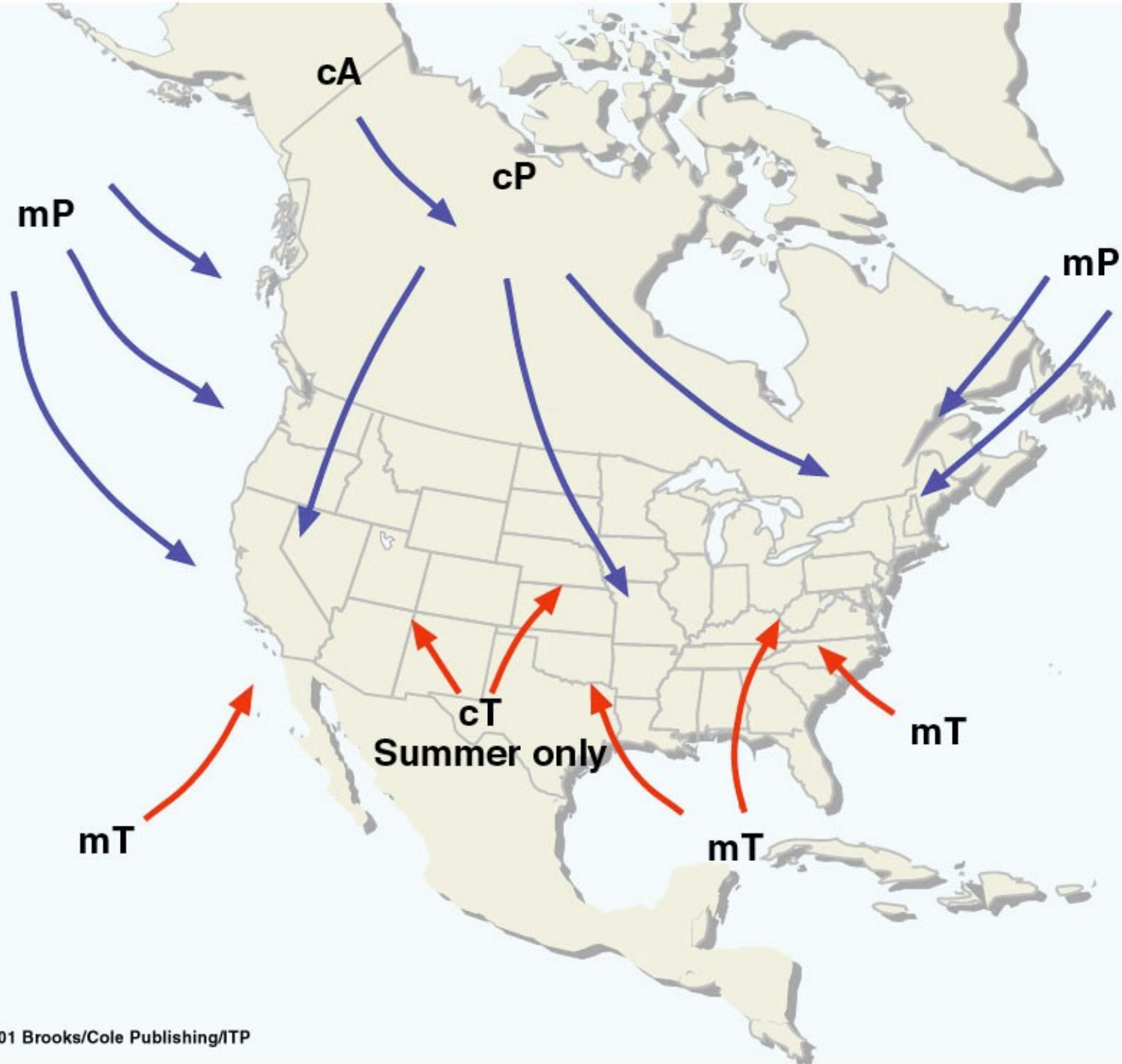
mT = Maritime Tropical – moist,
warm air

cA = Continental Arctic = dry,
extremely cold cP air

4 Classifications:

Humidity & Temperature

- c = Continental
 - over land
 - (dry)
- m = Maritime
 - over water
 - (moist)
- P = Polar
 - Polar latitudes
 - (cold)
- T = Tropical
 - Tropical regions (warm)



High and Low Pressure Systems

Low Pressure

High Pressure

Pressure



**Cyclonic
Turning:
Surface
Convergence
ce**
leads to
upward



**Anti-
Cyclonic
Turning:
Surface
Divergence**
leads to
downward
vertical
motions.



A



Intro to Stability

B



- **STABLE** – why?

- Warm air is less dense
- Cold air is more dense
- Little mixing
- ∴ Stable environment

- **UNSTABLE** – why?

- Since warm air is less dense and cold air is more dense—the warm air wants to rise and the cold air wants to sink
- Lots of vertical mixing
- ∴ Unstable environment

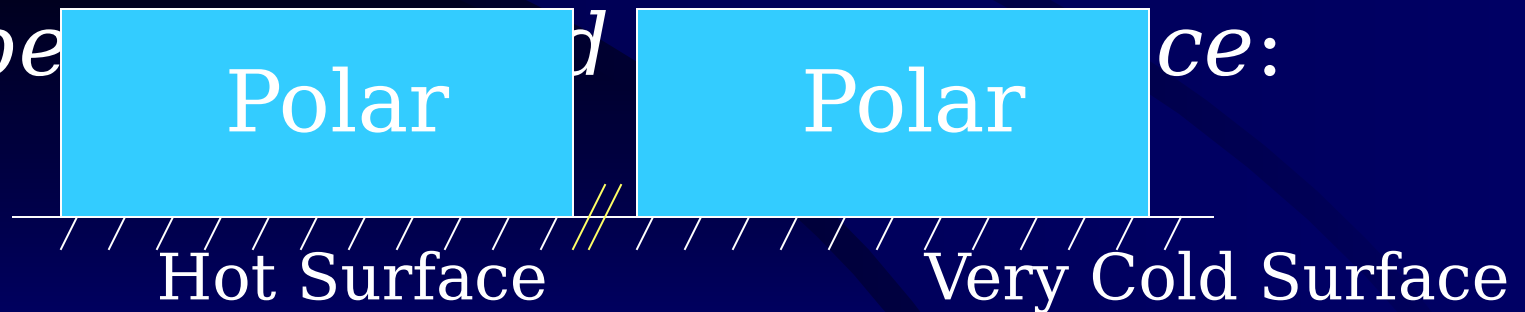
Movement of air masses

Air masses move in response to winds aloft...

Becomes **modified** by surfaces of different temperatures and moisture content

How can you determine the *stability* of the air mass?

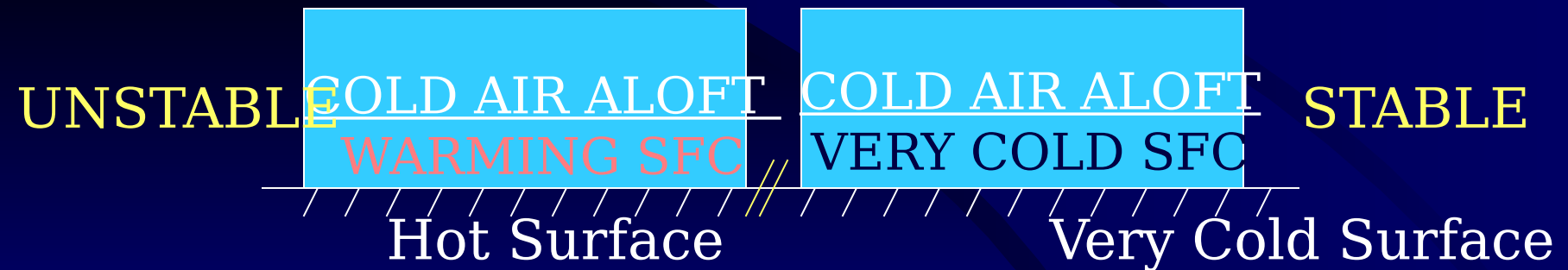
- By looking at *how the air mass is being modified*:



Movement of air masses

The hot surface is warming the lower of the polar air mass. This leads to what kind of stability?

The cold surface is cooling the lower of the polar air mass even more. S



Movement of air masses

How about for a *tropical* air mass?

How would stability be affected for the two situations?



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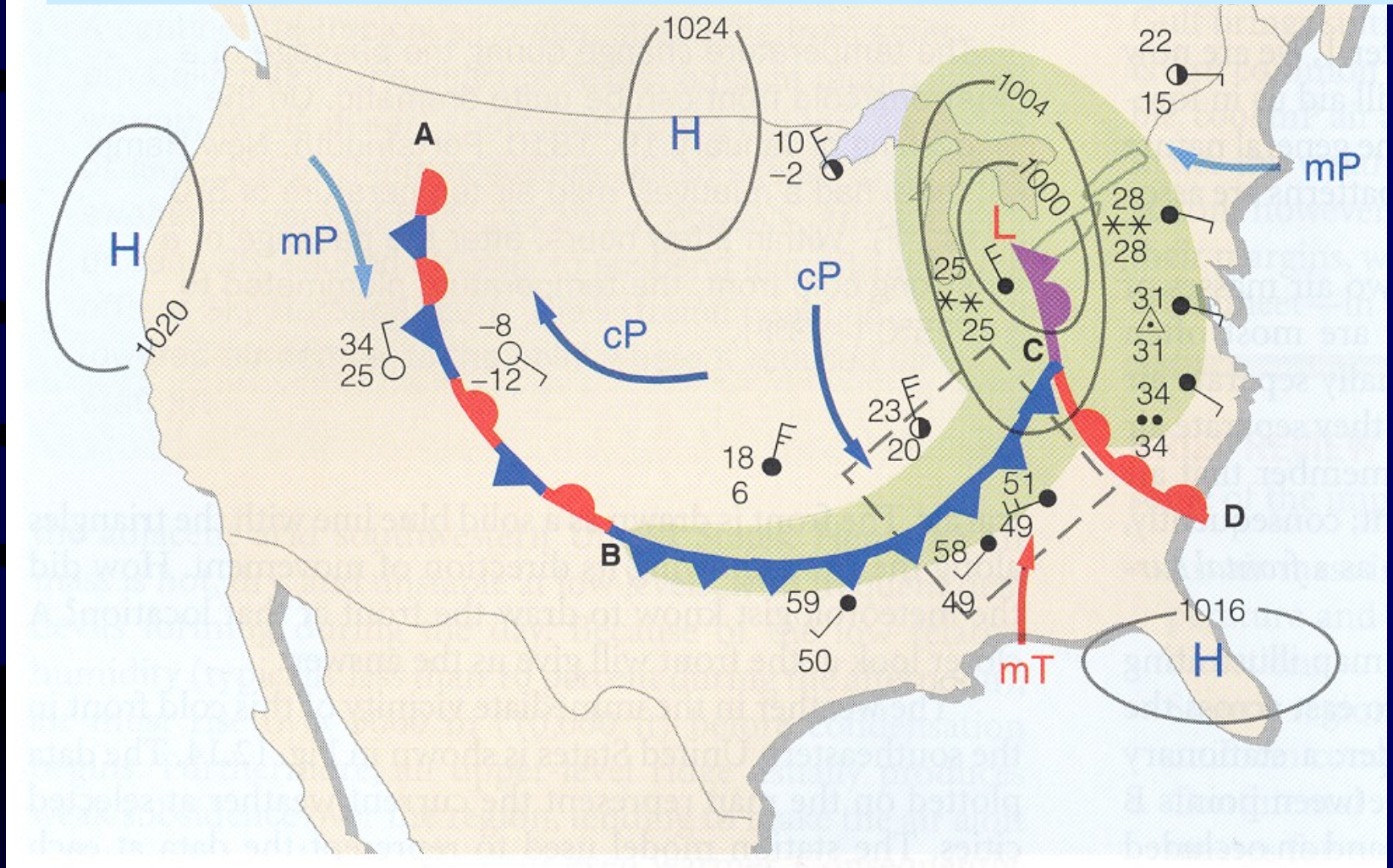
How would stability be affected for the two situations?

The hotter the surface air becomes, the more buoyant it is
= unstable = more mixing



FRONTS

How is each front depicted on a weather chart



SIMPLIFIED KEY

Cold front B-C

Warm front C-D

Occluded front

Stationary front A-B

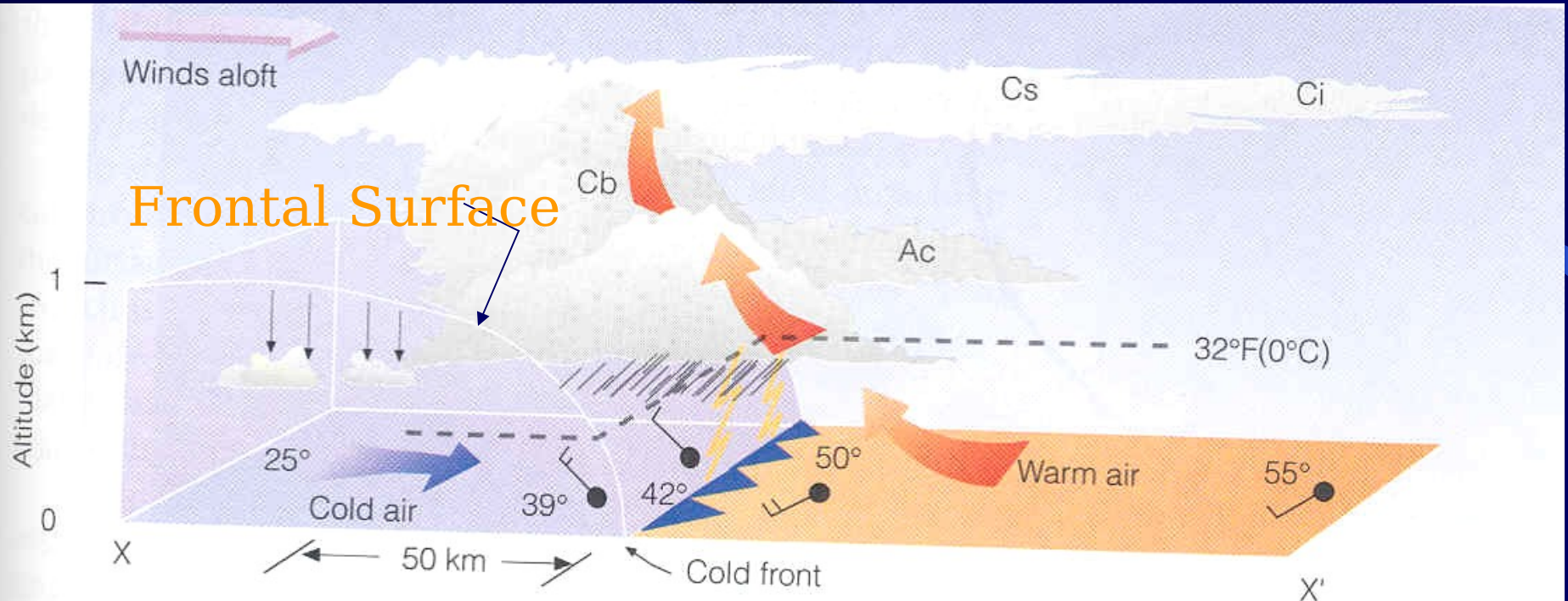
Low pressure-C

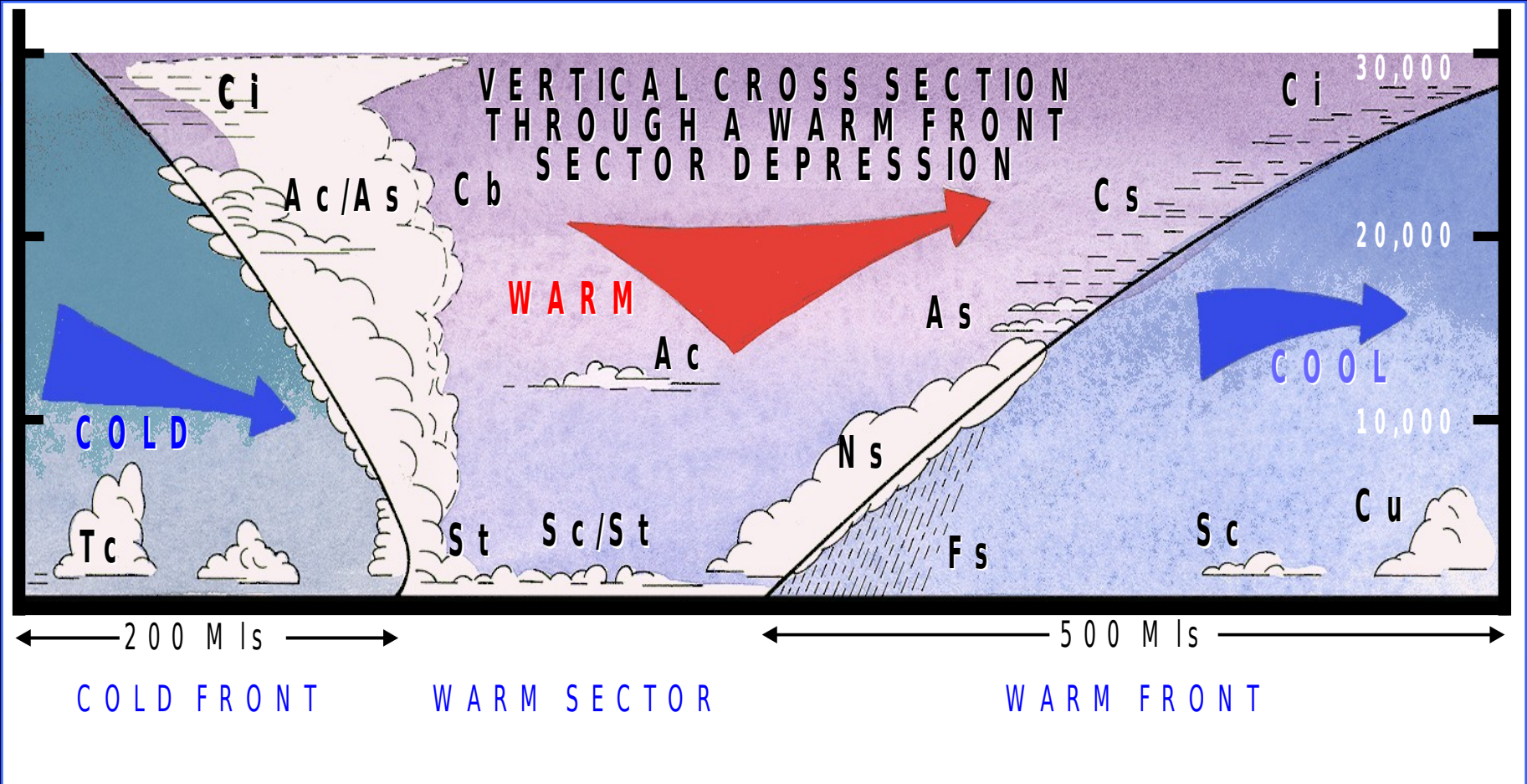
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What do fronts depict?

- The transition zone between 2 air masses of different **densities**
- Density differences → **Temperature** differences → **Humidity** differences





Cold front is the leading edge of a **cold air** mass (cP or mP)

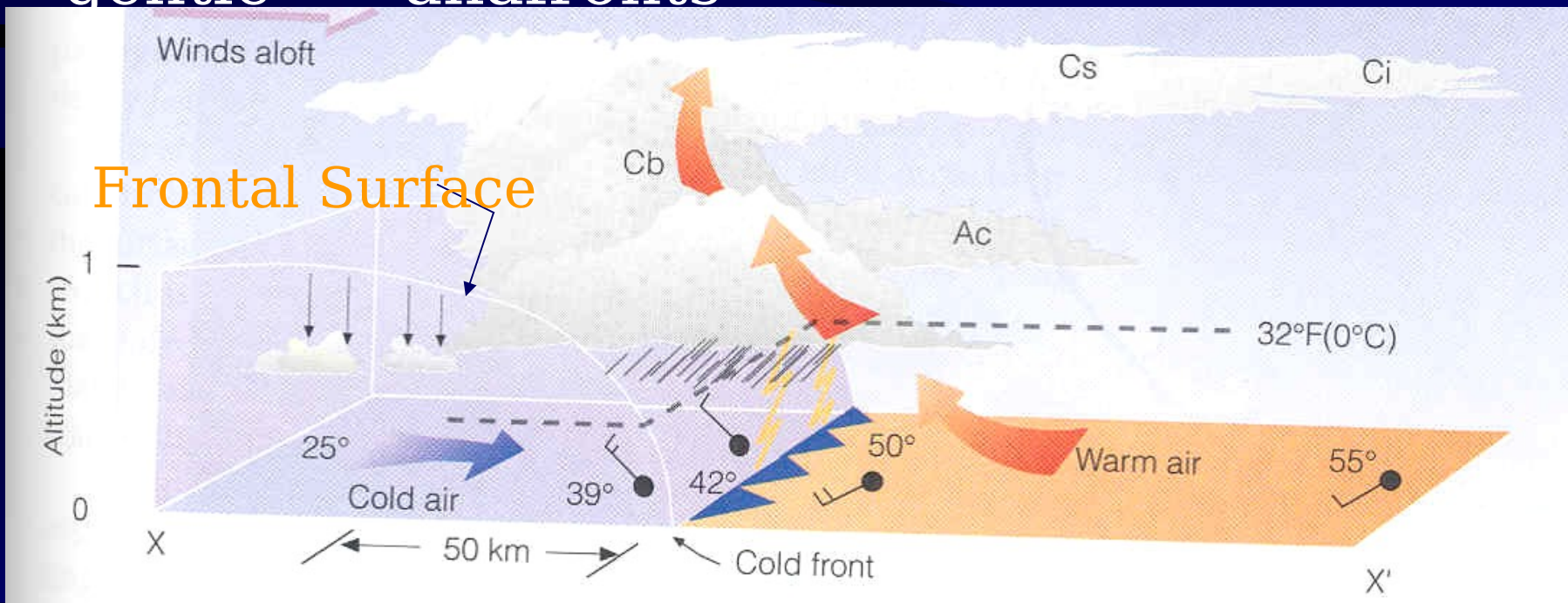
As the cold front plows into warmer, lighter air, it produces towering clouds, precipitation and sometimes, thunderstorms.



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Cold front's leading edge

- Steep – due to surface friction
- **Fast-moving front** - Slope is 1:50 (vertical rise to horizontal distance in km) = “katafronts”
- **Slow-moving front** – Slope is much more gentle = “anafronts”



Slow vs Fast moving fronts

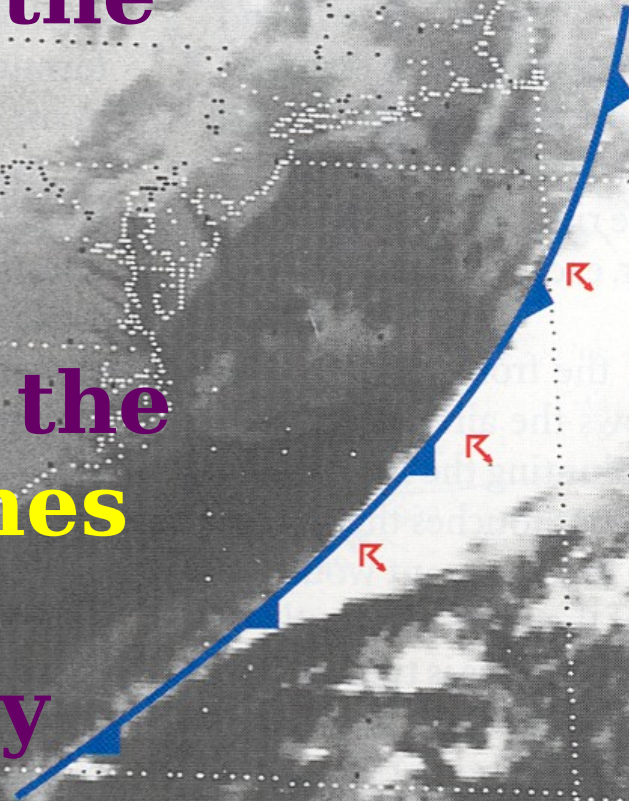
- Which of the above fronts has a broad cloud cover behind the front? Why?
 - Slow-moving fronts: The more g
slope allows clouds to form behind
front.
 - This makes it difficult to depict the
surface front from the satellite im

Fast Moving Cold Fronts

- Fast-moving fronts:
 - have a line of active showers and thunderstorms
 - “squall line” - develops parallel to and often ahead of the advancing front—producing heavy precipitation & strong gusty winds.

The *steep slope* of the front pushes the weather ahead of the front.

Frontogenesis: Cold front moves over the Gulf Stream and intensifies into a more vigorous frontal system as the surface air becomes unstable and convective activity develops.



When a cold front passes?

Wind: Veers

Pressure: Rises

Temperature: Falls

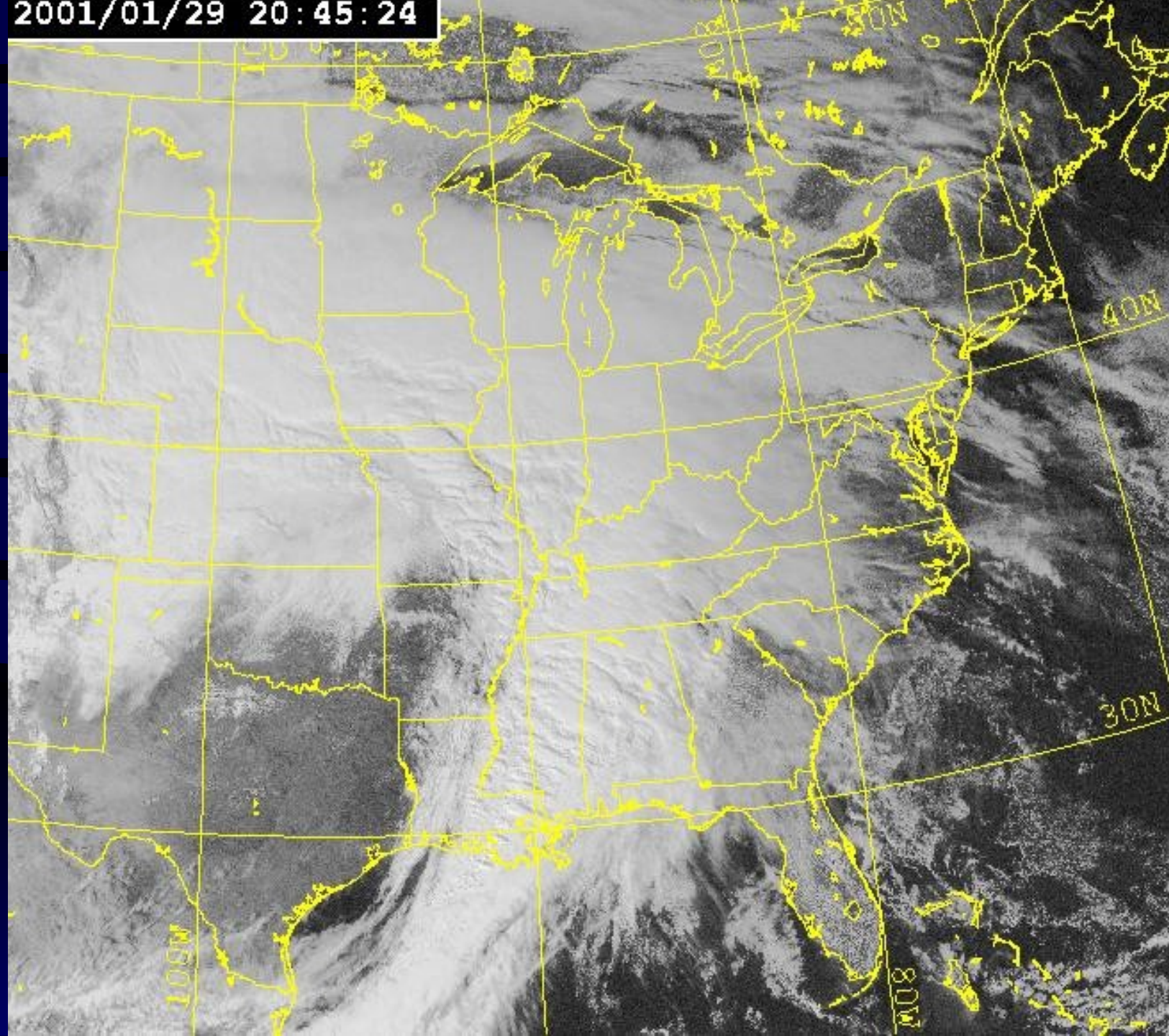
Dew Point: Falls more

Cloud Base: Rises

Weather: Rain then showers

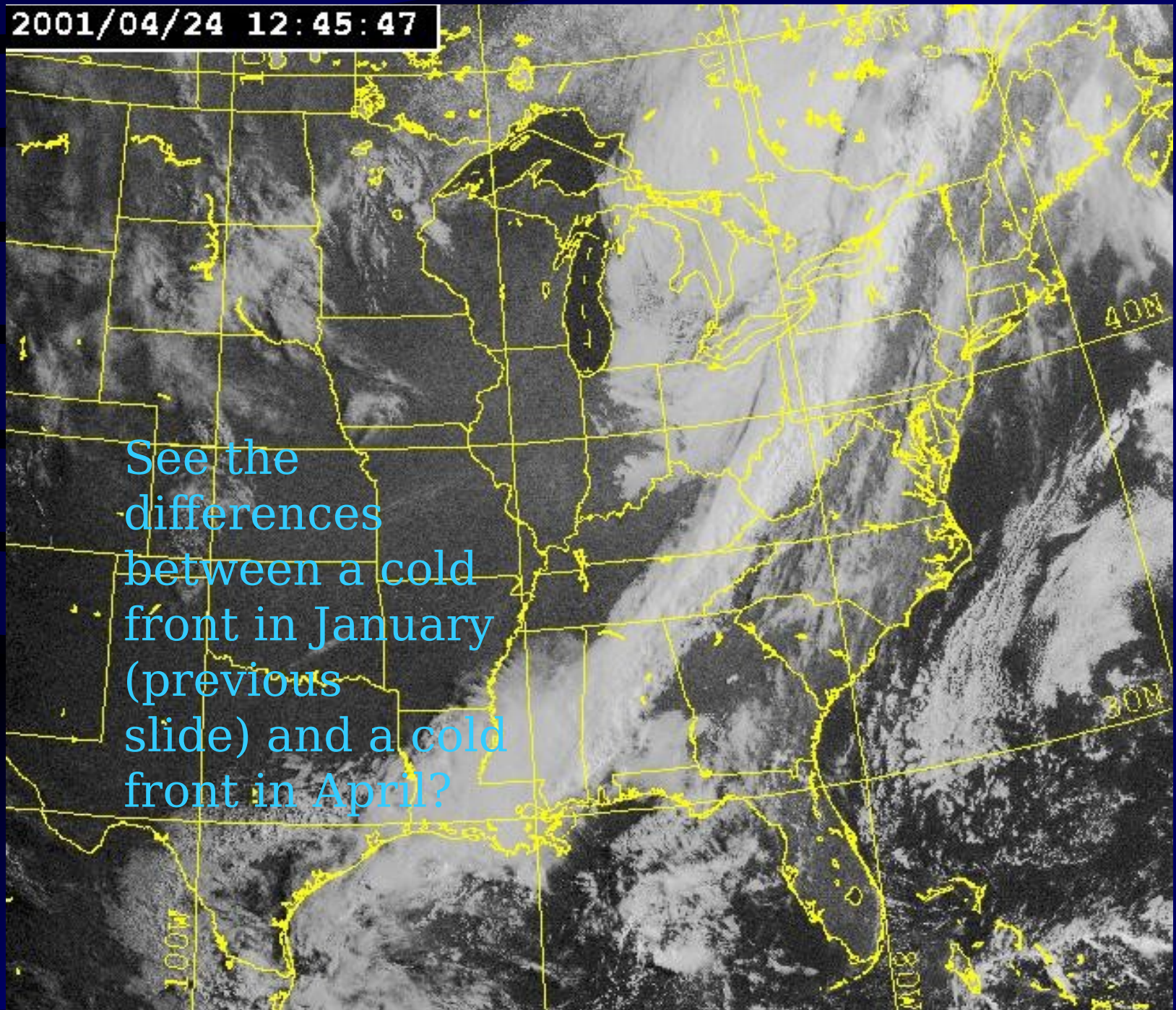
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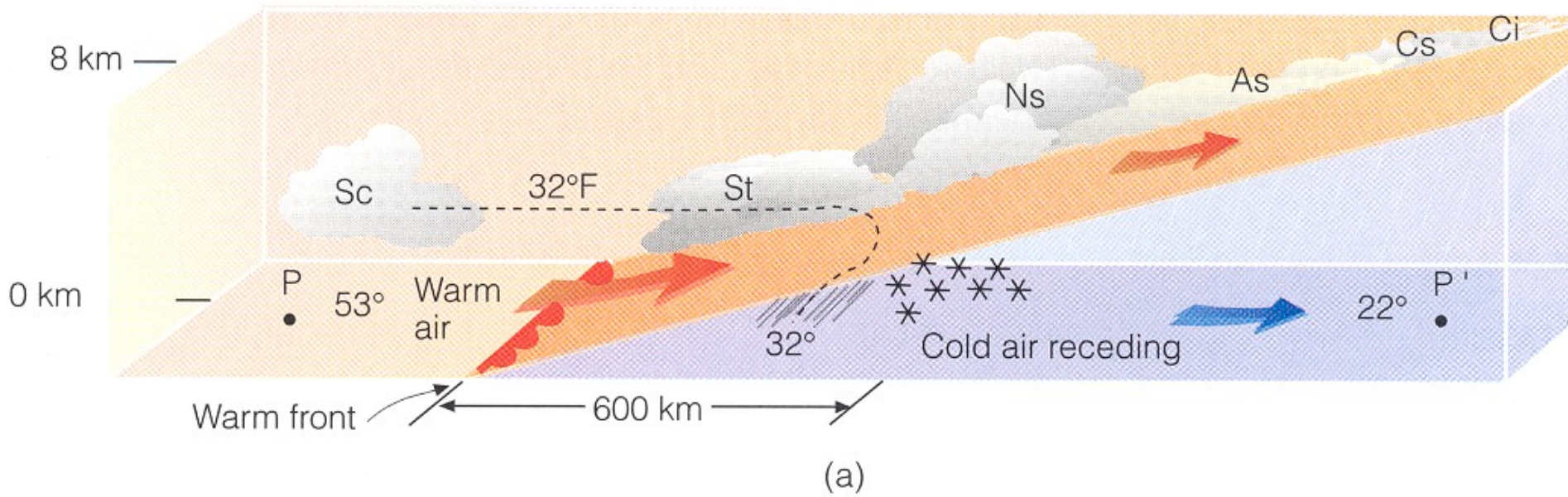


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See the
differences
between a cold
front in January
(previous
slide) and a cold
front in April?



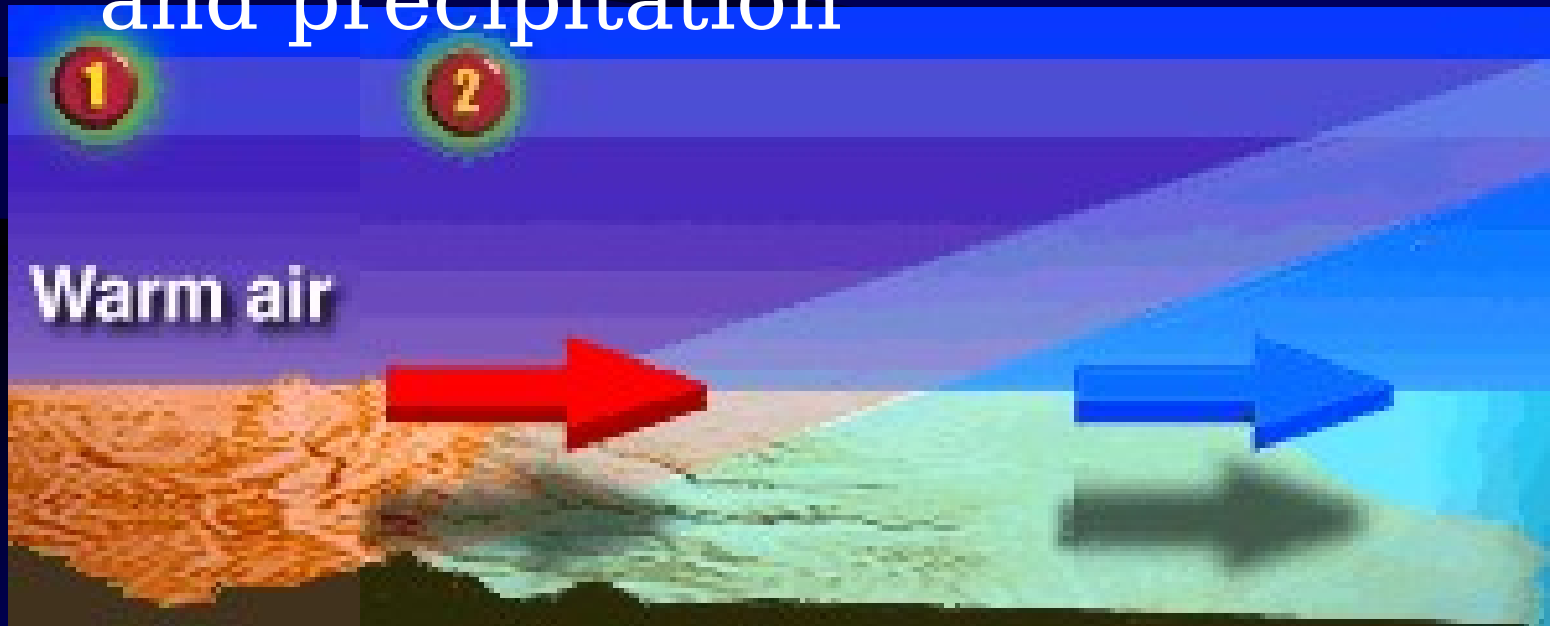
WARM FRONT



Notice the slope is much more gentle...
1:150 to 1:200. The cloud cover is
usually (ahead/behind) of the warm
front.

Warm front is the leading edge of **warm air** (mT or cT)

Heavier, denser **cold air retreats slowly** as warm air rides up and over the cold air, producing widespread clouds and precipitation



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When a warm front passes?

Wind: Veers

Pressure: Falls then steadies

Temperature: Rises

Dew Point: Rises

Cloud Base: Falls

Weather: Rain to drizzle

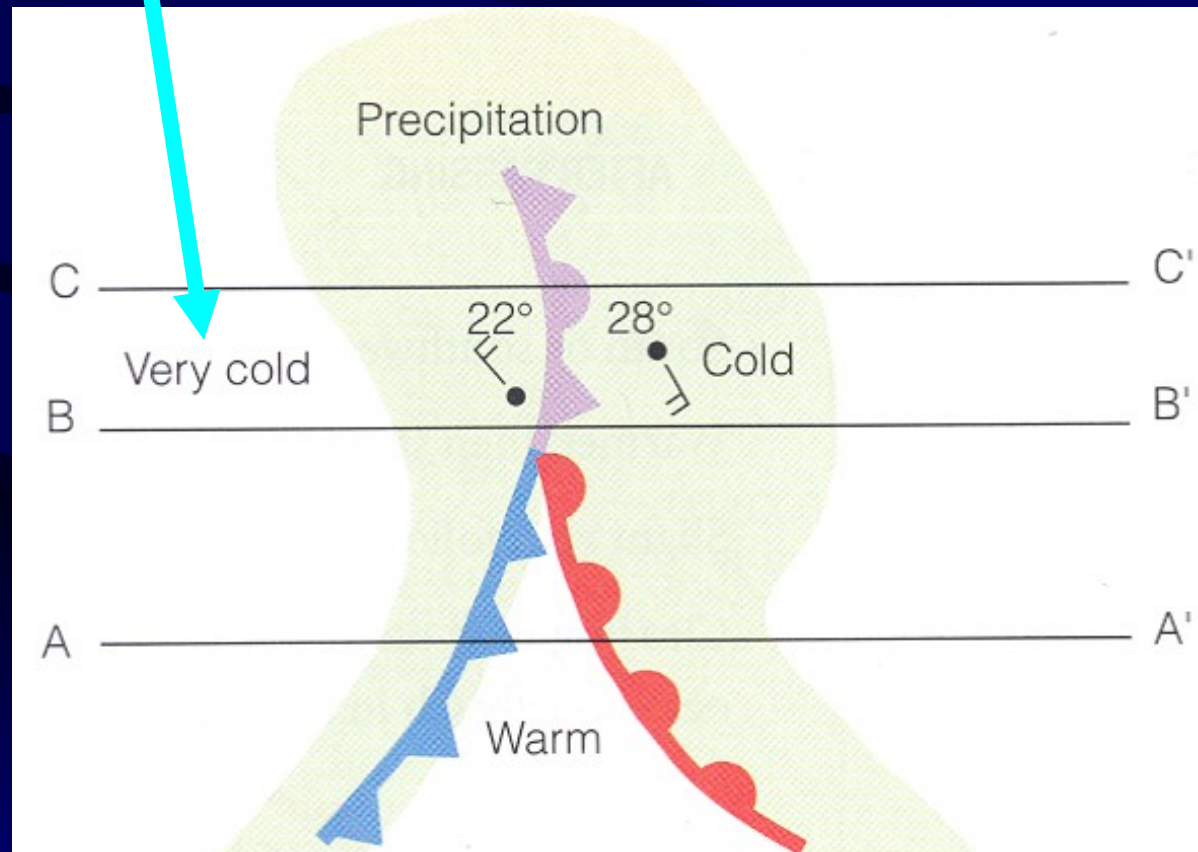
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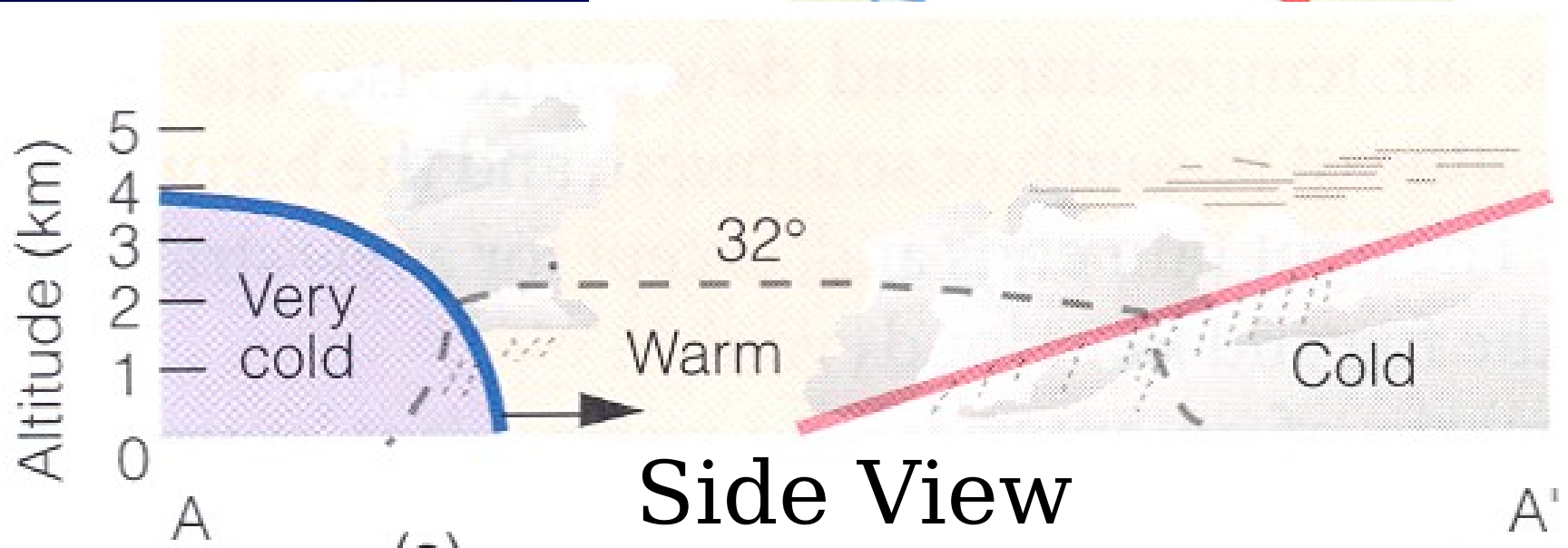
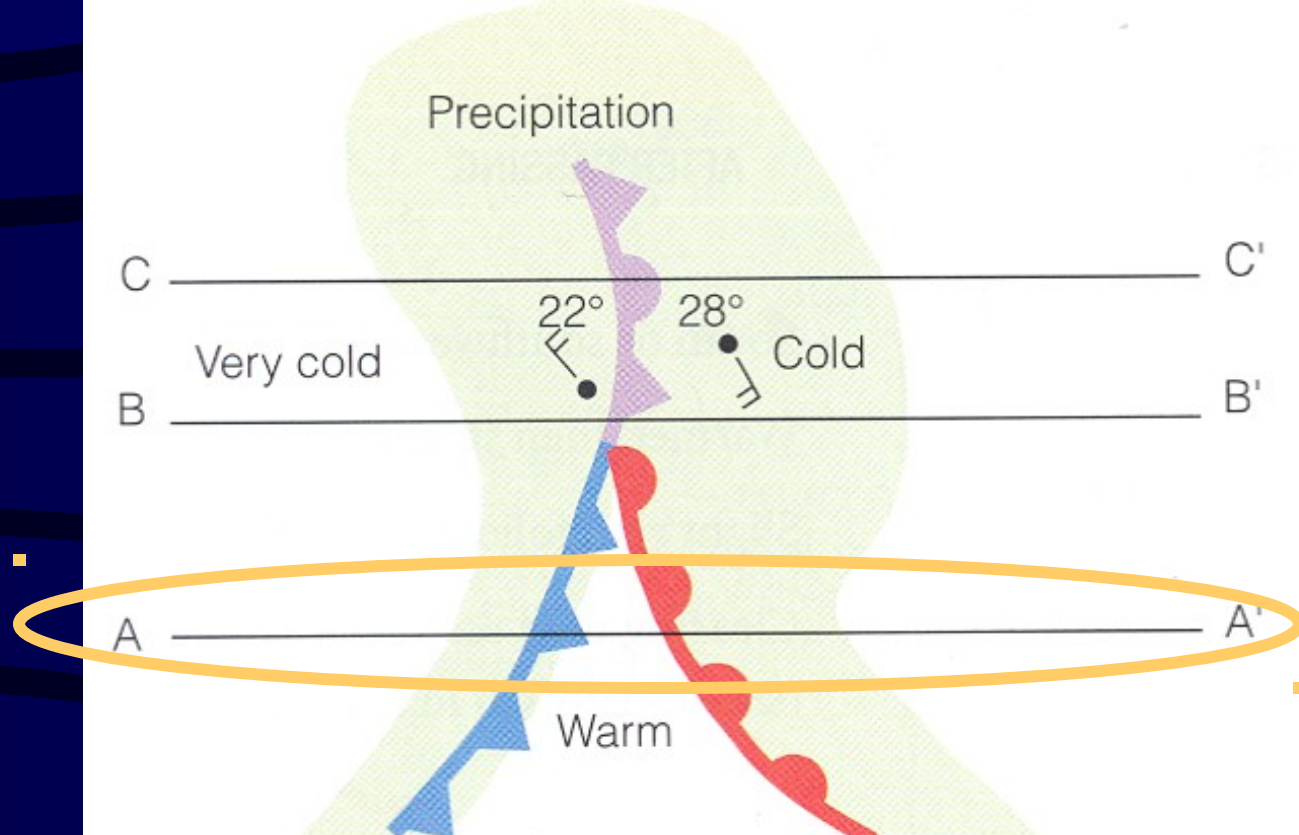
Occluded Front

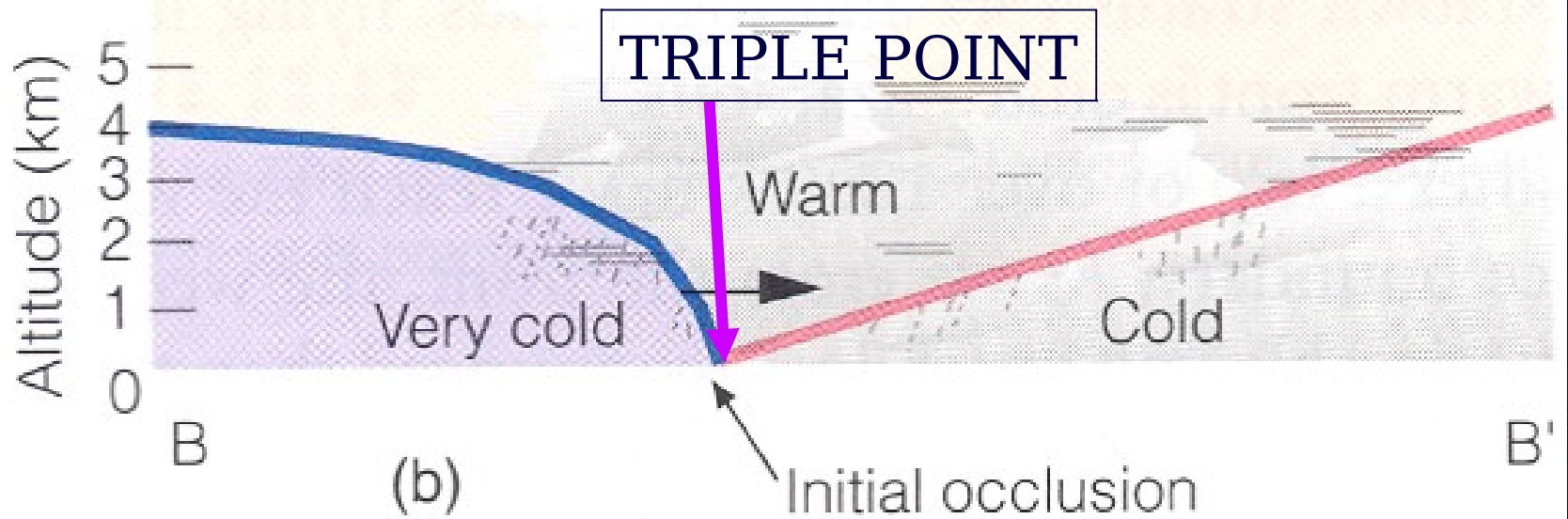
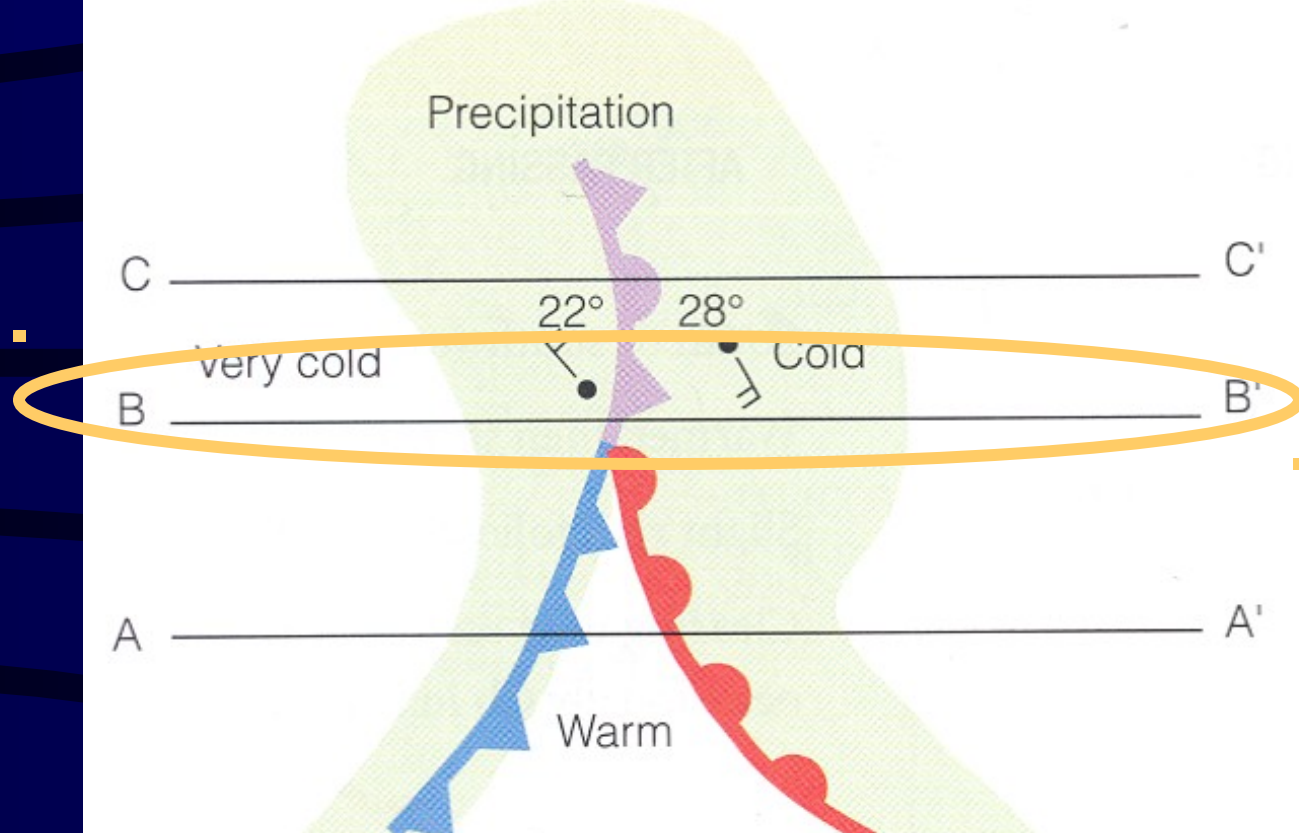
- When frontal systems are born, there are 2 fronts: a cold front and **warm front**.
- Cold fronts are usually *faster* than warm fronts.
- Eventually the cold front will catch up to the warm front
- The combination of the two fronts produces an **occluded front**, where some of the most severe weather conditions exist, especially near the **triple point**, where all three fronts meet (cold, warm & occluded).
- Indicates the later stages of a storm's life cycle

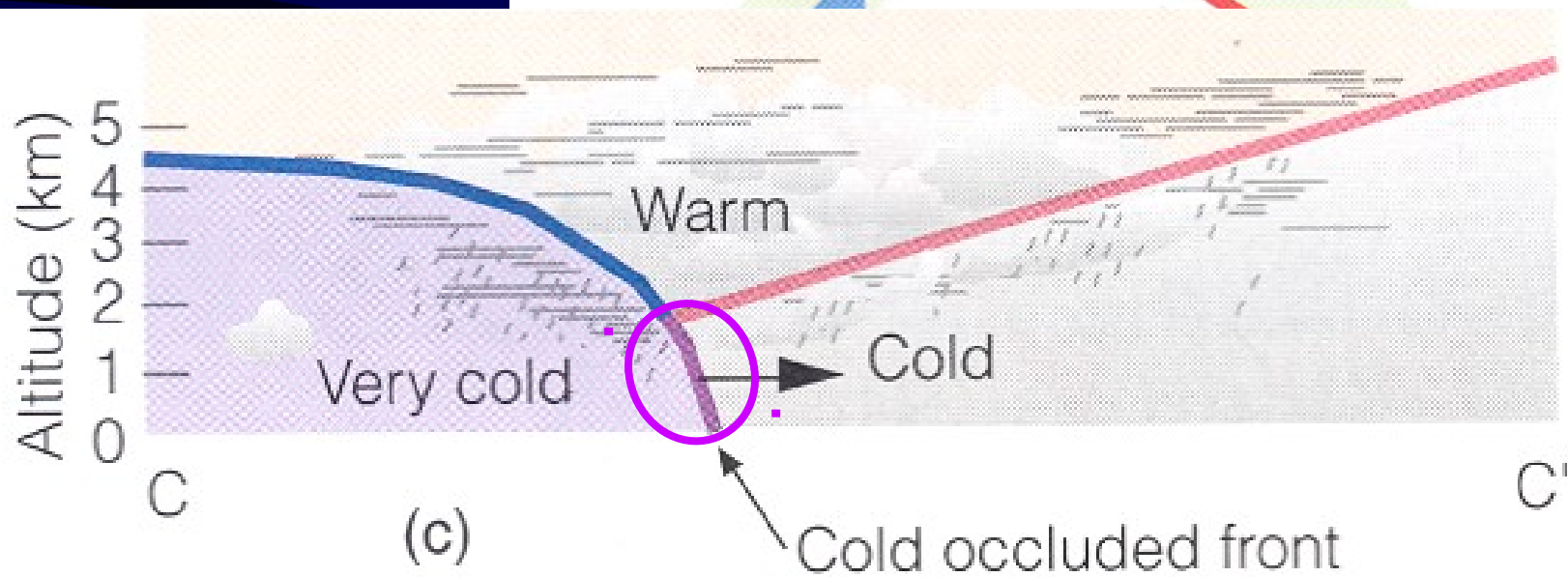
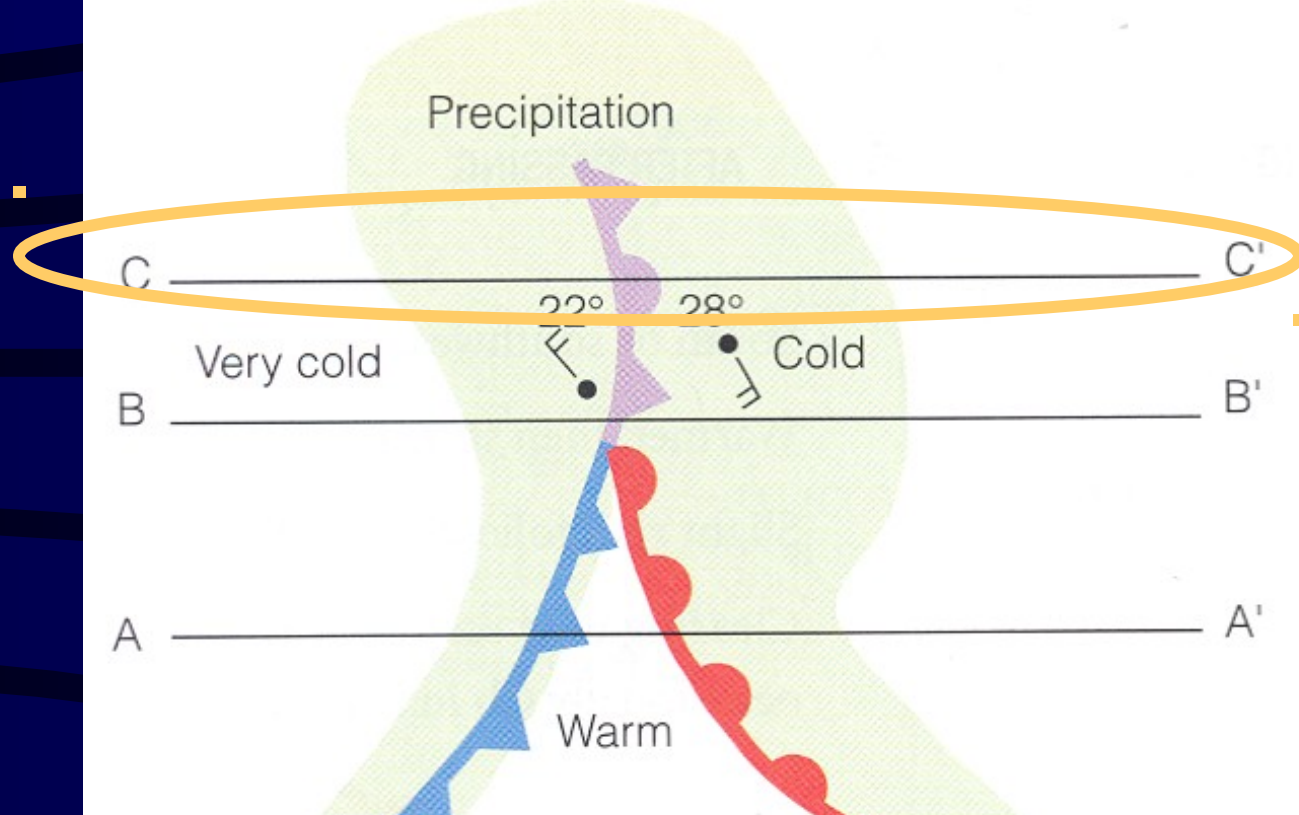
Occluded Fronts: Cold vs Warm Type

- Cold Occlusion: When the air behind the occlusion is **colder** than the air ahead of it.







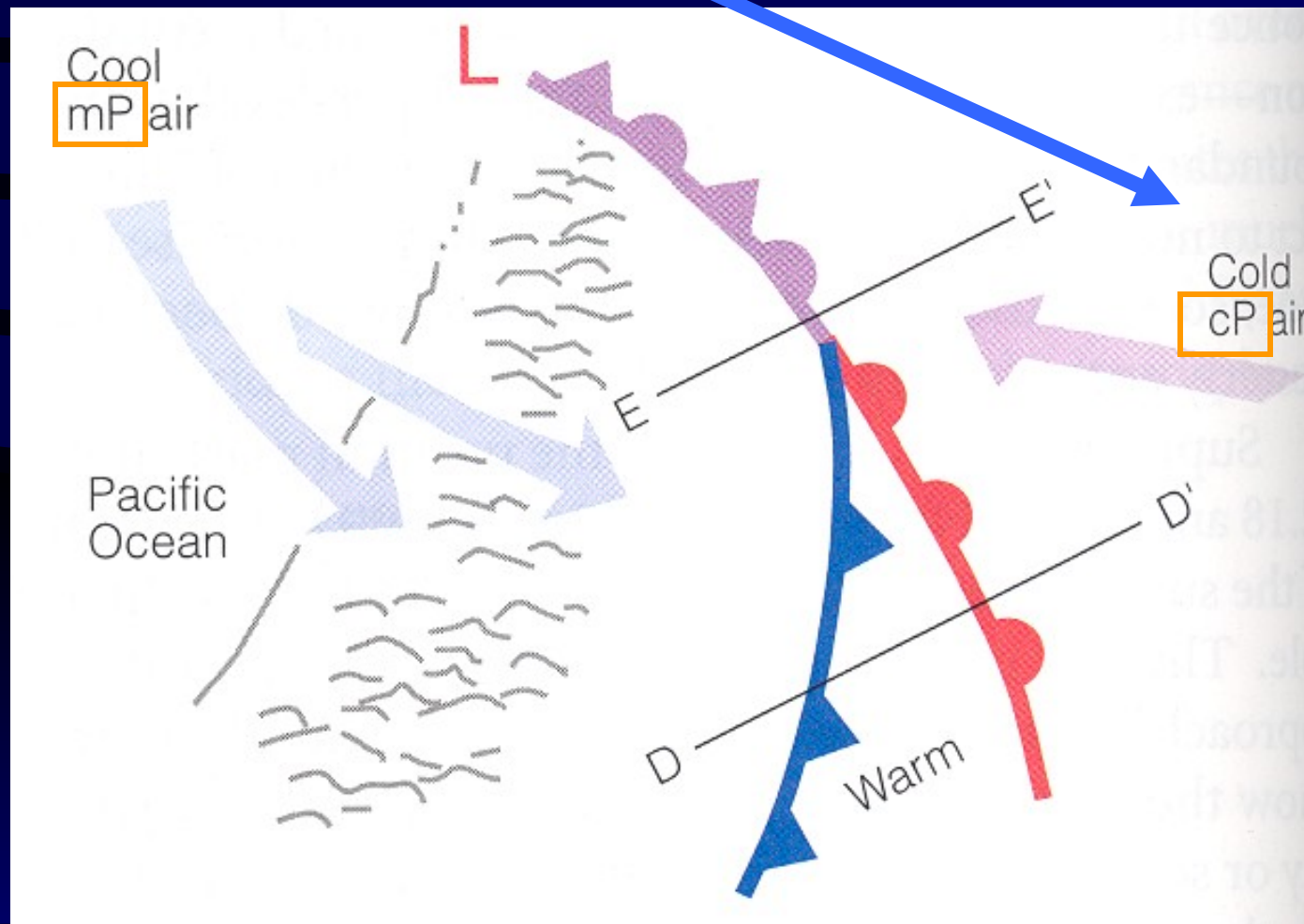


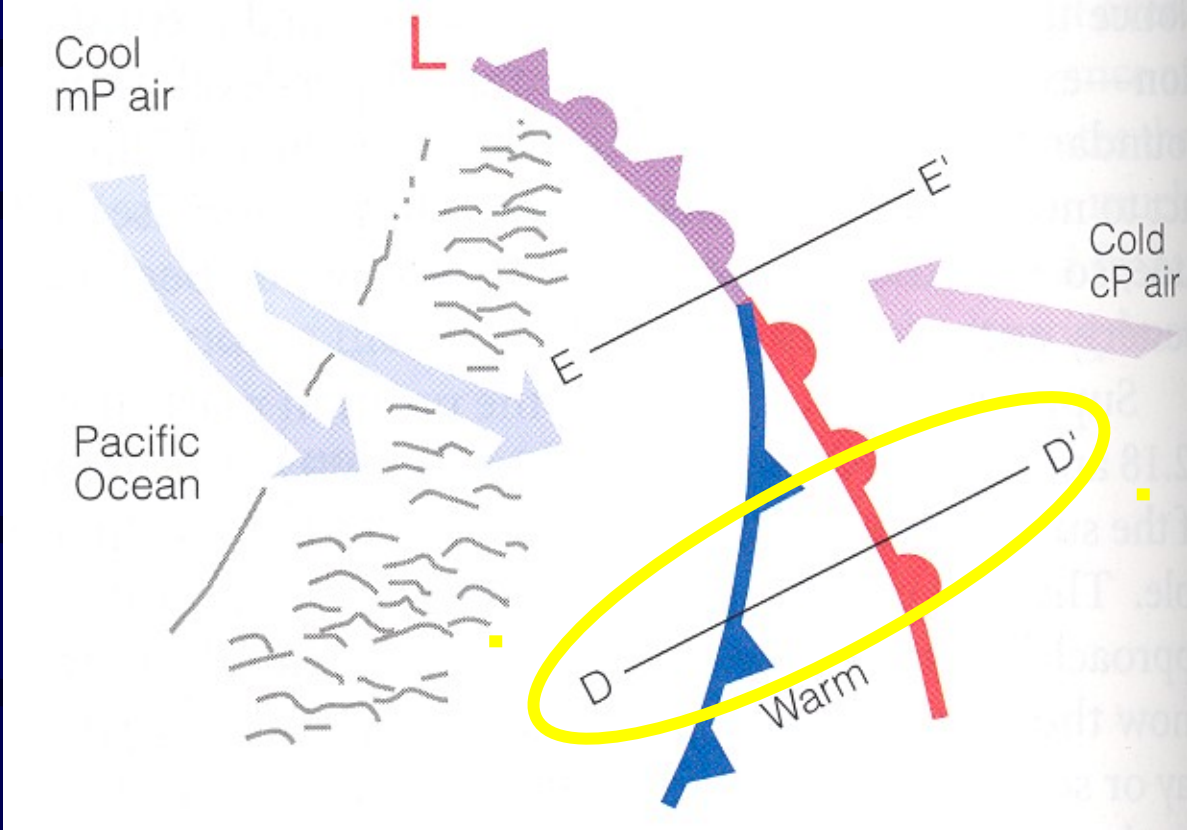
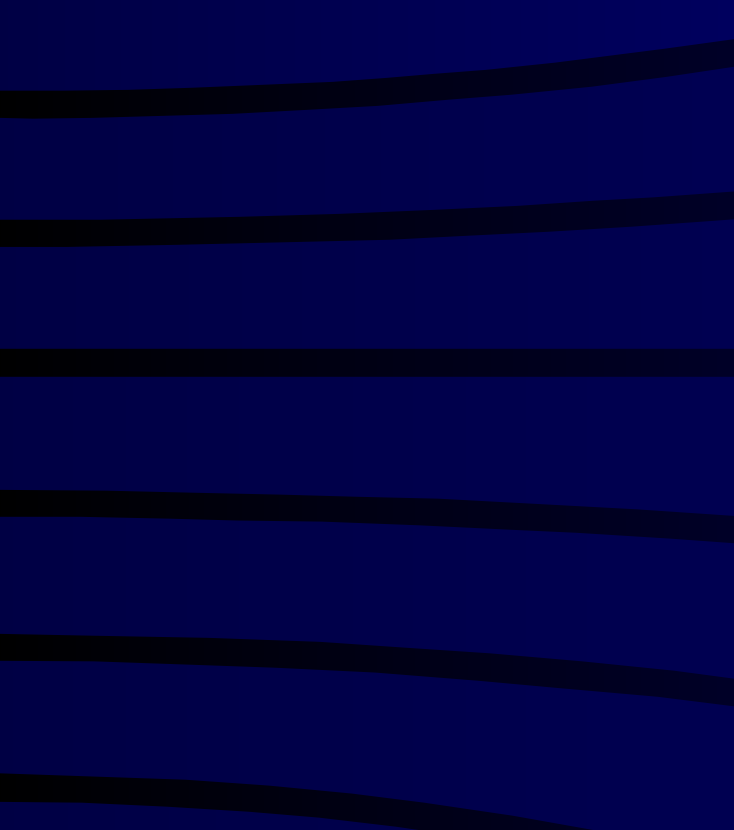
Colder air behind the occlusion
plows into
the cooler air ahead of the front,
similar to a cold front.



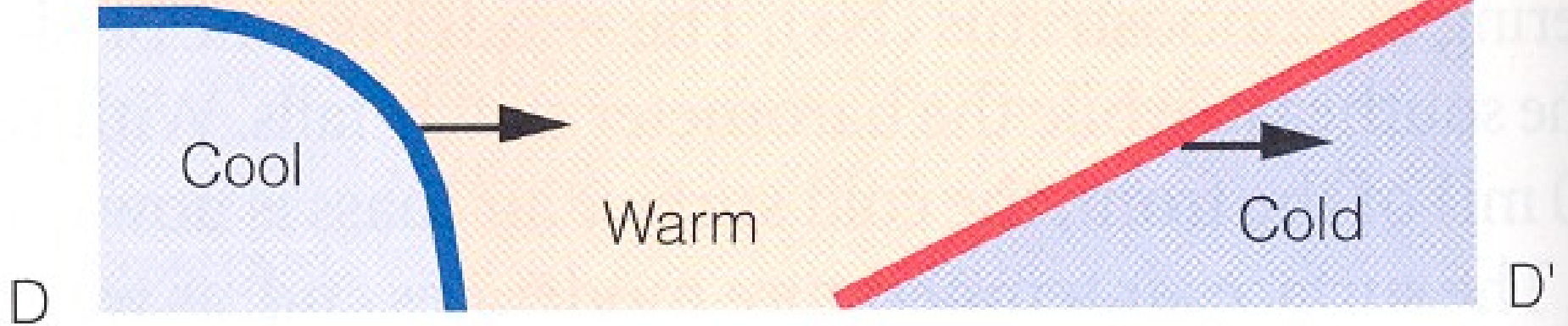
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Warm type Occluded front.
When the air behind the
occlusion is cool compared to the
cold air ahead of it.

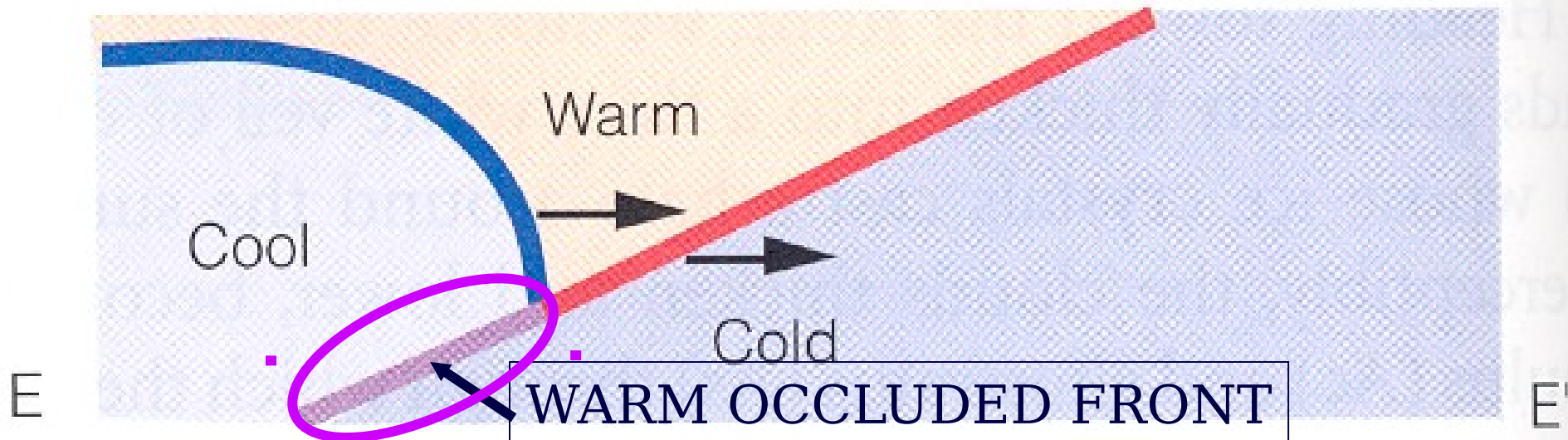
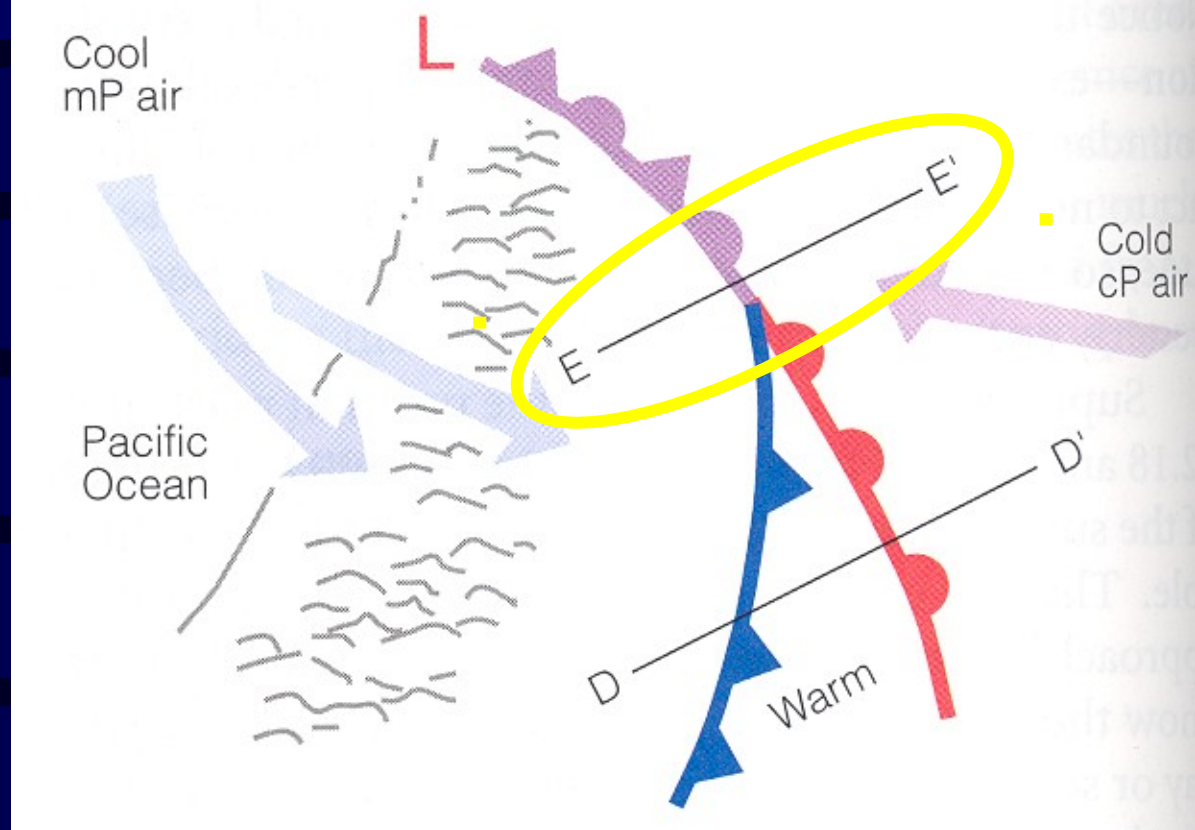


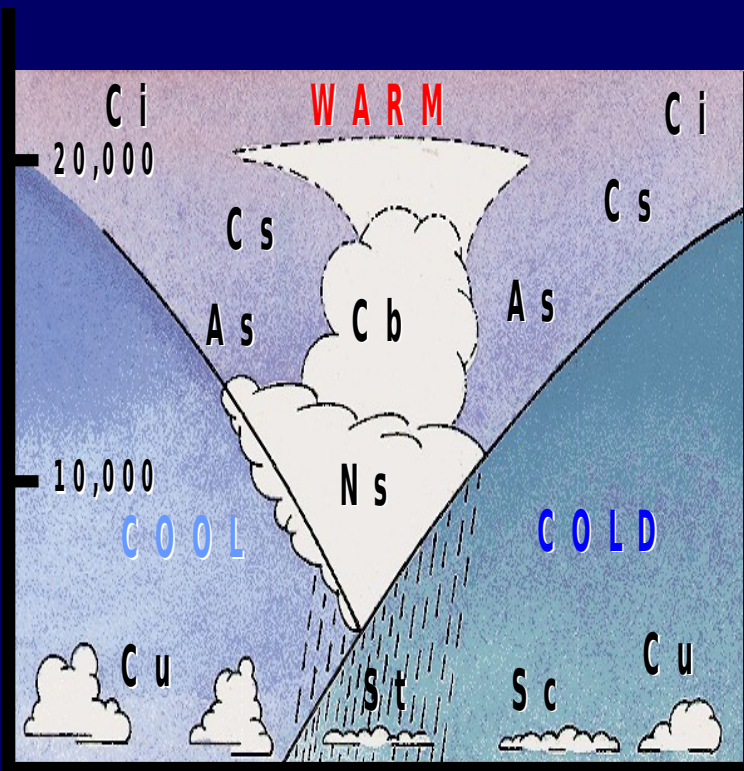


Side View



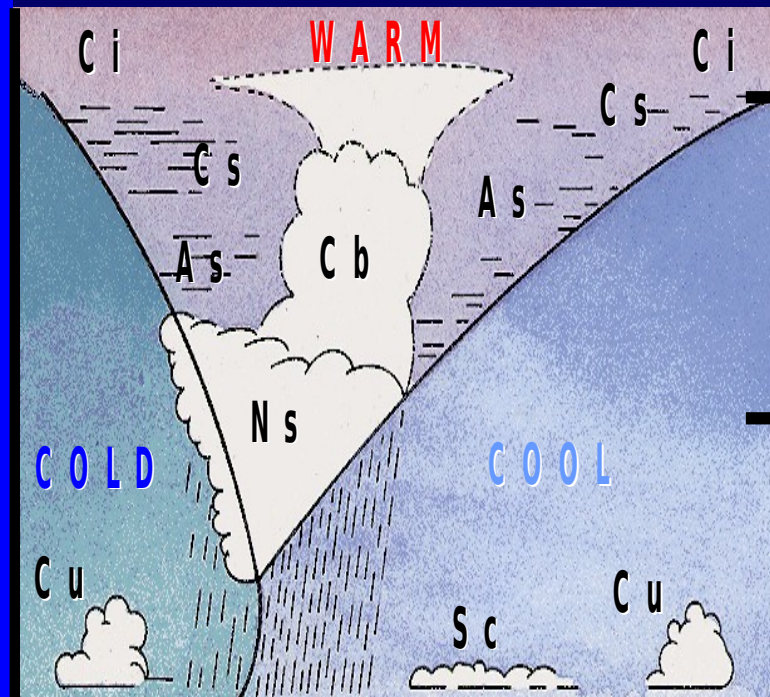
- Notice how the cool air is lifted above the colder air ahead of the warm front





← 150 Mls → 350 Mls →

WARM OCCLUSION
RAIN AHEAD OF SURFACE
OCCLUSION



← 150 Mls → 350 Mls →

COLD OCCLUSION
RAIN BELT BOTH SIDES
OF SURFACE OCCLUSION

Cool air behind the occlusion, rises up and over the colder air ahead of the front.



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David Evans*

Associated with Occluded Fronts...

TABLE 12.4 Typical Weather Most Often Associated with Occluded Fronts

WEATHER ELEMENT	BEFORE PASSING	WHILE PASSING	AFTER PASSING
Winds	East, southeast, or south	Variable	West or northwest
Temperature			
Cold type	Cold or cool	Dropping	Colder
Warm type	Cold	Rising	Milder
Pressure	Usually falling	Low point	Usually rising
Clouds	In this order: Ci, Cs, As, Ns	Ns, sometimes Tcu and Cb	Ns, As, or scattered Cu
Precipitation	Light, moderate, or heavy precipitation	Light, moderate, or heavy continuous precipitation or showers	Light-to-moderate precipitation followed by general clearing
Visibility	Poor in precipitation	Poor in precipitation	Improving
Dew point	Steady	Usually slight drop, especially if cold-occluded	Slight drop, although may rise a bit if warm-occluded

Know the differences between a cold type warm type occluded front.

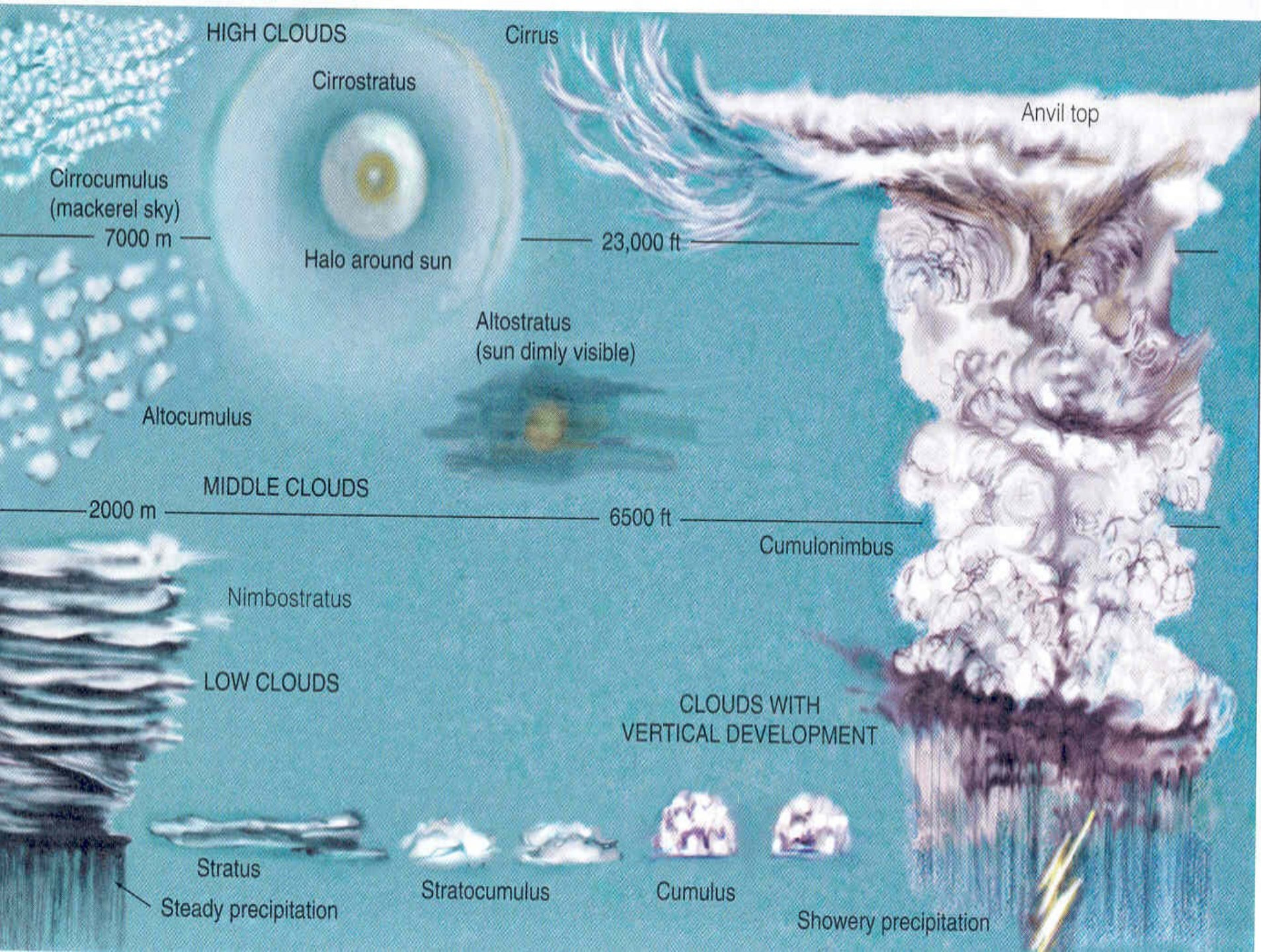
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CLOUDS



CLASSIFICATION OF CLOUDS

- HEIGHT OF
BASE

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- HEIGHT OF
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 - HIGH
(*CIRRO-*)

Cirrus



Cirrus



CLASSIFICATION OF CLOUDS

- HEIGHT OF
BASE
 - HIGH
(*CIRRO*-)
 - MEDIUM (*ALTO*-)

Alto-Stratus



Alto-Cumulus



CLASSIFICATION OF CLOUDS

- HEIGHT OF
BASE
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(*CIRRO*-)
 - MEDIUM (*ALTO*-)
 - LOW



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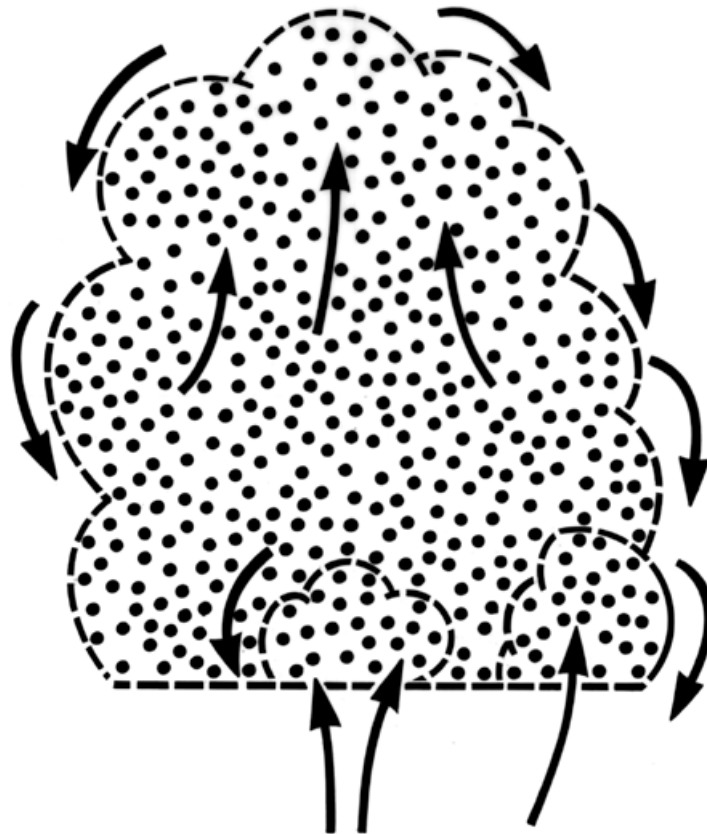
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(*CIRRO-*)
- MEDIUM (*ALTO-*)
- LOW

- FORMING
PROCESS

- CONVECTIVE
(*CUMULI-FORM*)

CONVECTION CLOUD



Cumulus Fractus



Cumulus Congestus



Towering Cumulus



CLASSIFICATION OF CLOUDS

- HEIGHT OF
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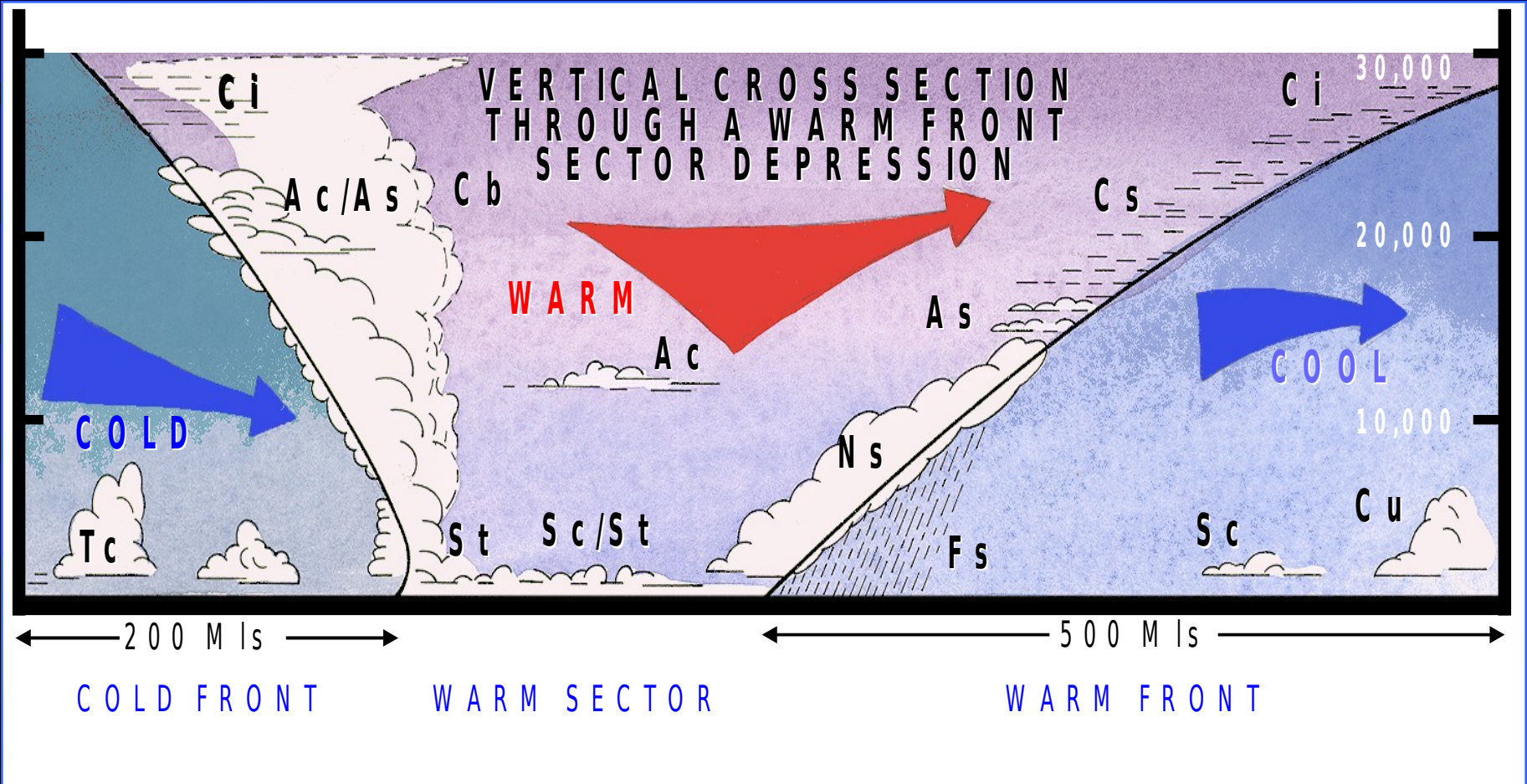
- CONVECTIVE
(*CUMULI-FORM*)
- NON-
CONVECTIVE
(*STRATI-FORM*)

Stratus



Strato-Cumulus








Wind and Waves

Wind and Waves

- Waves forming by wind blowing over the water surface = wind waves
- As wind waves move into a region of weaker winds, their crests become lower and more rounded = swells
- Waves are created as frictional drag of the wind transfers energy to the water.

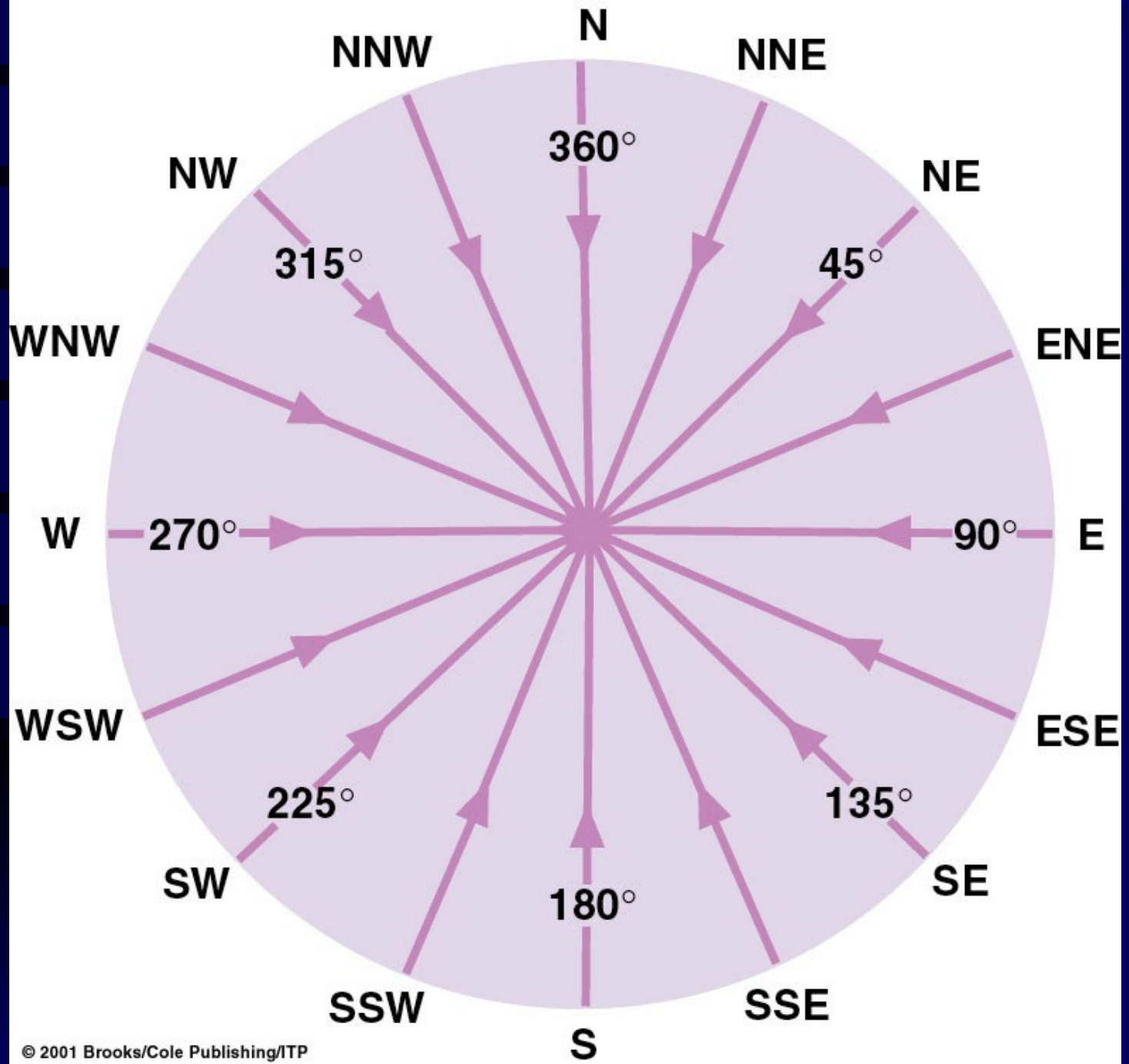
Wind speed   Energy, thus Wave Height 

 Amount of Energy Depends on 3 factors:

-  Wind speed
-  Length of *time* that the wind blows over the water
-  *Fetch*, or distance, of deep water over which the wind blows

Determining Wind Direction & Speed

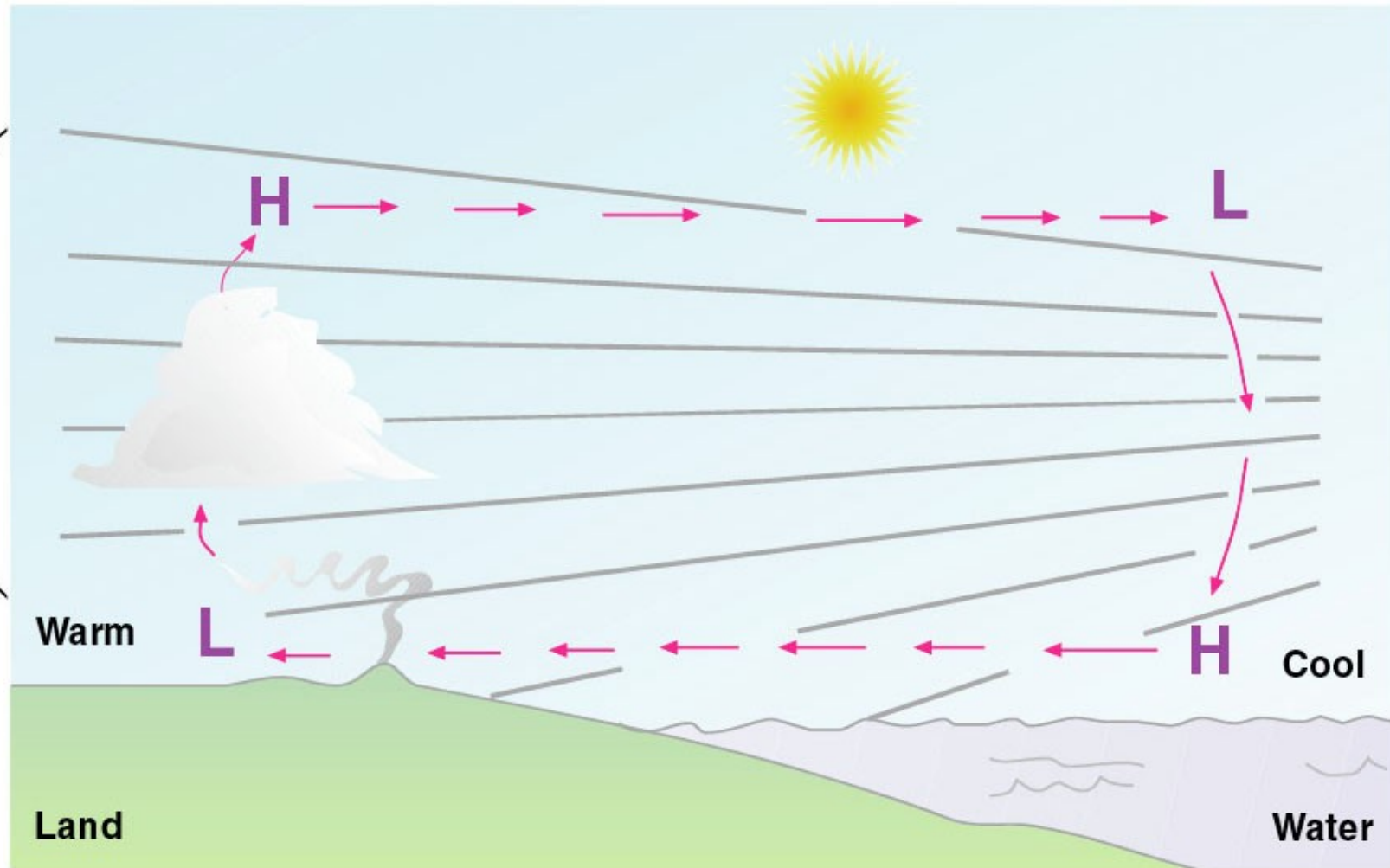
- Wind direction is given as the direction (toward/from) which it is blowing
- Onshore vs Offshore winds
 - Onshore – from water to land “Seabreeze”
 - Offshore – from land to water “Landbreeze”
- Prevailing wind: the direction most often observed during a given time period



Sea Breeze & Land Breeze

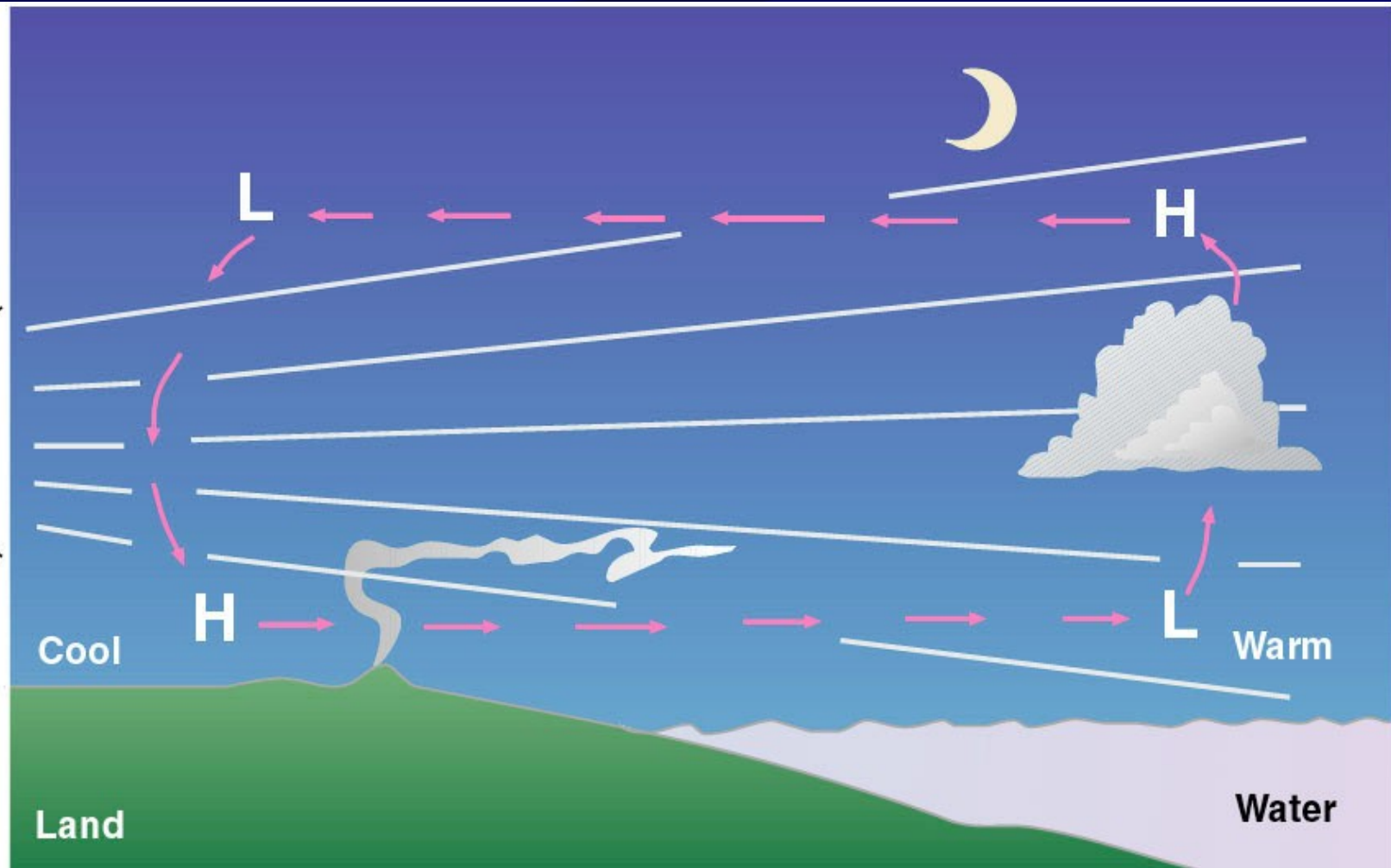
- Types of thermal circulation - what scale?
- Uneven heating rates of land and water is due to?
 - Higher specific heat capacity of water vs land
- Which occurs during the day? The night?
- Demonstrate the setup for a sea/land breeze
- **Overall effect:** Pressure distribution due to thermal heating/cooling creates the sea/land breeze

Pressure
surfaces



(a) Sea breeze

Pressure
faces



(b) Land breeze

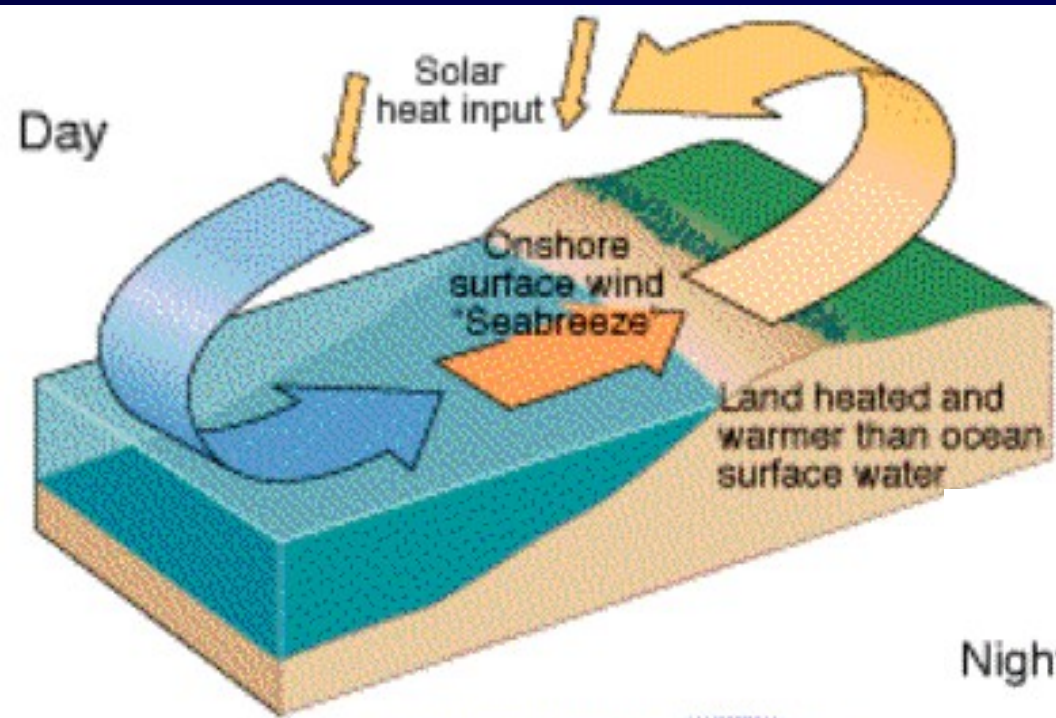
Sea Breeze vs Land Breeze

- Which is stronger? Why?
 - Sea breeze: Temperature contrast between land and water are much larger during the day compared to the night
- Where do **convective clouds** form?
 - Where you have **upward** vertical motions...
 - Over land for a sea breeze; over the water for a land breeze

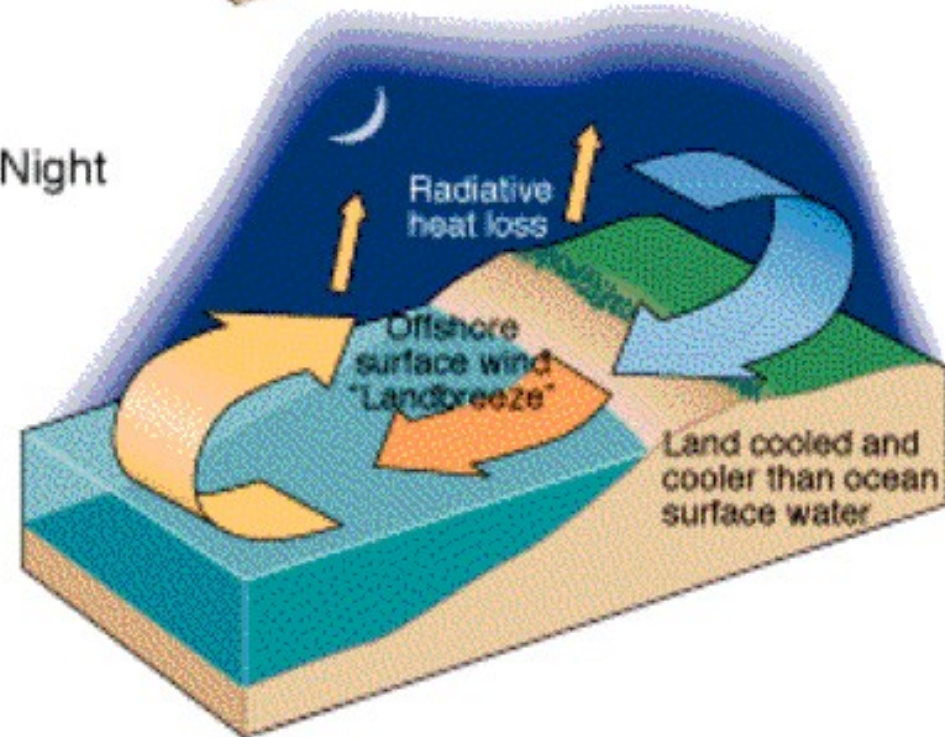
Passage of the sea breeze...

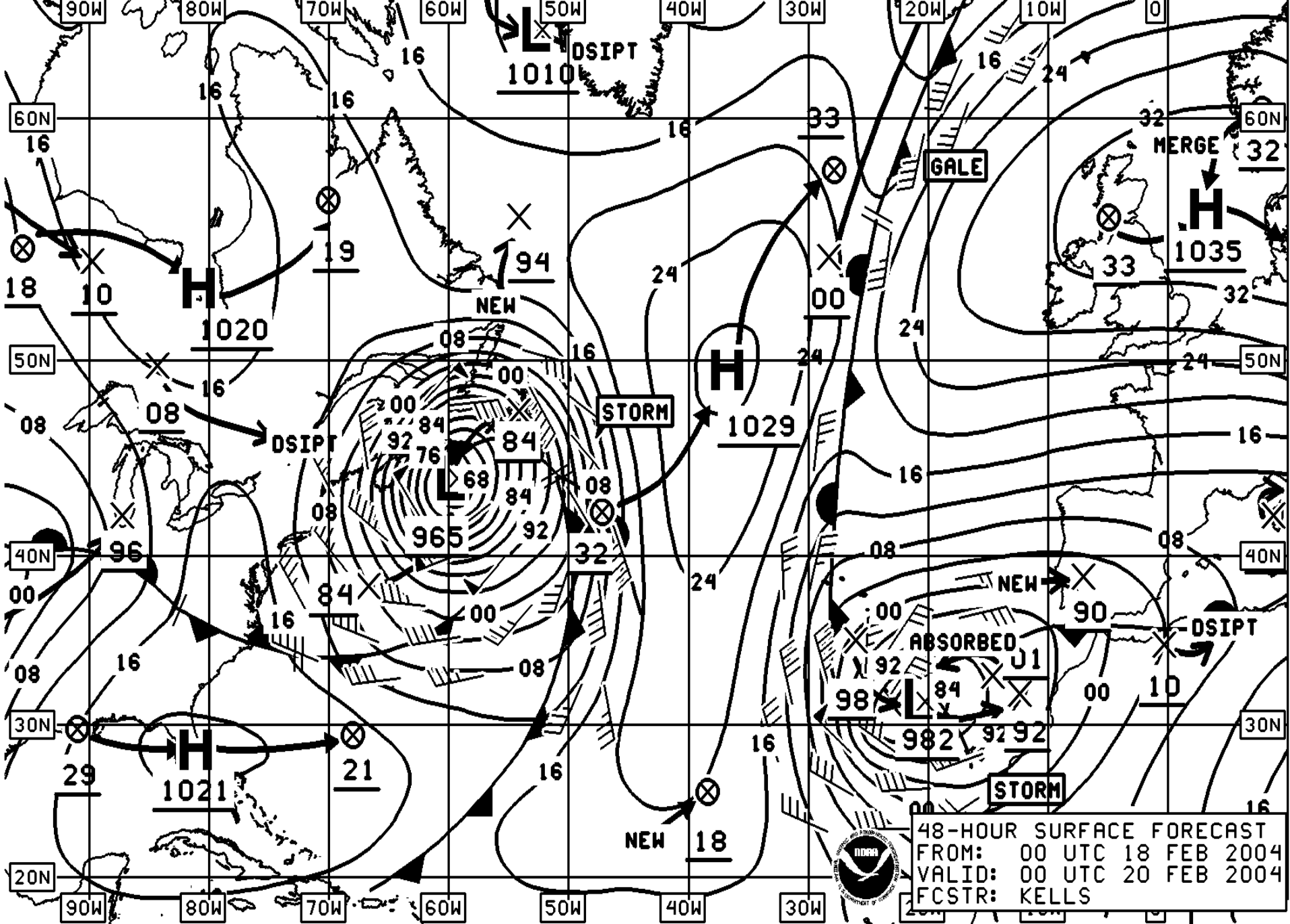
- By identifying its sea breeze front...
 - Wind shift from west to east along the *East Coast*
 - A “smoke” front or “smog” front if the ocean air is highly concentrated with pollutants, nuclei
 - If the ocean air becomes *saturated*, a mass of **low clouds and fog** mark the leading edge
 - If conditionally unstable atm exists, **thunderstorms** may form.
 - A few km away from the coast, thunderstorms may develop. Why?
 - Due to the **upward** vertical motion that completes the sea breeze circulation

Seabreeze / Landbreeze



Night





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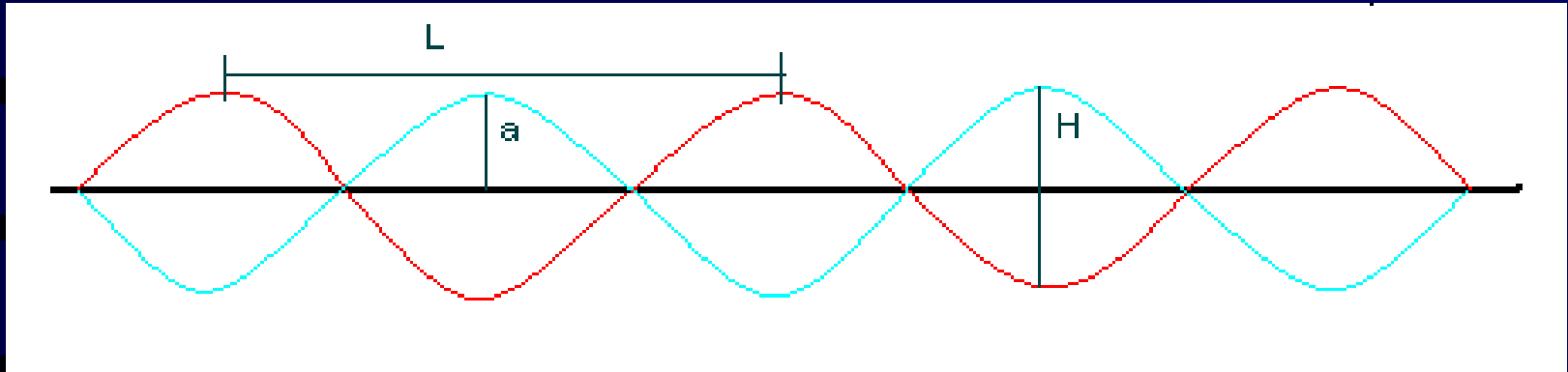
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Waves and Swell



Definitions



- **Wavelength (L)** - horizontal distance between consecutive crests
- **Amplitude (a)** - one half of the wave height.
- **Wave height (H)** - distance between crest and trough.
- **Wave period** - time interval between successive troughs or crests.
- **Significant wave height** - average height of the third of the waves.

Type of waves

- **Wind Waves (Sea)** - Gravity waves generated by wind blowing over the sea surface. They appear to be short-crested, with many different heights, lengths and periods identifiable.
- **Capillary Waves** - The surface of relatively quiet water, reveal very small wave disturbances which have distinctly different appearance from small wind waves.
- **Swell** - These represent wind waves which have traveled out of the area they were generated, or can no longer be sustained by the winds in the generating area.

Types of waves

- **Tides** - behave as long waves and are influenced by the configuration of basins and the coriolis force.
- **Storm Tides** - Persistence winds combined with high tides and low pressure, pile up water giving unusually high sea levels. These effects are treated like long period waves.
- **Seiches** - Are generated by changes in met conditions and tidal forces, and are the oscillations set up in a body of water.
- **Tsumamis** - Waves caused by seismic disturbances on the sea bed.

Sea Waves

- To forecast sea wave characteristics at a point the following info is needed:
 - Wind Velocity
 - Duration of wind
 - Fetch area

Typical Fetches

- Area of sea, where a constant wind is blowing, or has been blowing
- Fetch boundaries:
 - coastlines
 - met fronts
 - isobaric curvature **A**
 - fanning out of boundaries **B**

Wind and Sea Scale for Fully Arisen Sea

WIND AND SEA SCALE FOR FULLY ARISEN SEA.														
SEA STATE	DESCRIPTION	SEA-GENERAL												
		WIND					SEA							
		BEAUFORT WIND FORCE	DESCRIPTION	RANGE (KNOTS)	WIND VELOCITY (KNOTS)	AVERAGE	SIGNIFICANT	AVERAGE - 1/10 HIGHEST	SIGNIFICANT RANGE OF PERIODS (SECONDS)	(PERIOD OF MAXIMUM ENERGY OF SPECTRUM)	AVERAGE PERIOD	AVERAGE WAVE LENGTH	MINIMUM FETCH (NAUTICAL MILES)	MINIMUM DURATION (HOURS)
0	Sea like a mirror. Ripples with the appearance of scales are formed, but without foam crests.	U	Calm	Less than	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Small wavelets, still short but more pronounced; crests have a glassy appearance, but do not break.	1	Light Airs	1-3	2	0.05	0.08	0.10	up to 1.2 sec	0.7	0.5	10 in.	5	18 min
	Large wavelets, crests begin to break. Foam of glassy appearance. Perhaps scattered white horses.	2	Light Breeze	4-6	5	0.18	0.29	0.37	0.4-2.8	2.0	1.4	6.7 ft	8	39 min
		3	Gentle Breeze	7-10	8.5	0.6	1.0	1.2	0.8-5.0	3.4	2.4	20	9.8	1.7 hrs
2	Small waves, becoming larger; fairly frequent white horses.	4	Moderate Breeze	11-16	10	0.88	1.4	1.8	1.0-6.0	4	2.9	27	10	2.4
3					12	1.4	2.2	2.8	1.0-7.0	4.8	3.4	40	18	3.8
4					13.5	1.8	2.9	3.7	1.4-7.6	5.4	3.9	52	24	4.8
5	Moderate waves, taking a more pronounced long form; many white horses are formed. (Chance of some spray).	5	Fresh Breeze	17-21	14	2.0	3.3	4.2	1.5-7.8	5.6	4.0	59	28	5.2
					16	2.9	4.6	5.8	2.0-8.8	6.5	4.6	71	40	6.6
					18	3.8	6.1	7.8	2.5-10.0	7.2	5.1	90	55	8.3
6	Large waves begin to form; the white foam crests are more extensive everywhere. (Probably some spray).	6	Strong Breeze	22-27	19	4.3	6.9	8.7	2.8-10.6	7.7	5.4	99	65	9.2
					20	5.0	8.0	10	3.0-11.1	8.1	5.7	111	75	10
					22	6.4	10	13	3.4-12.2	8.9	6.3	134	100	12
7	Sea heeps up and white foam from breaking waves begins to be blown in streaks along the direction of the wind. (Spindrift begins to be seen).	7	Moderate Gale	28-33	24	7.9	12	16	3.7-13.5	9.7	6.8	160	130	14
					24.5	8.2	13	17	3.8-13.6	9.9	7.0	164	140	15
					26	9.6	15	20	4.0-14.5	10.5	7.4	188	180	17
8	Moderately high waves of greater length; edges of crests break into spindrift. The foam is blown in well marked streaks along the direction of the wind. Spray affects visibility.	8	Fresh Gale	34-40	28	11	18	23	4.5-15.5	11.3	7.9	212	230	20
					30	14	22	28	4.7-16.7	12.1	8.6	250	280	23
					30.5	14	23	29	4.8-17.0	12.4	8.7	258	290	24
9	High waves. Dense streaks of foam along the direction of the wind. Sea begins to roll. Visibility affected.	9	Strong Gale	41-47	32	16	26	33	5.0-17.5	12.9	9.1	285	340	27
					34	19	30	38	5.5-18.5	13.6	9.7	322	420	30
					36	21	35	44	5.8-19.7	14.5	10.3	363	500	34
10	Very high waves with long overhanging crests. The resulting foam is in great patches and is blown in dense white streaks along the direction of the wind. On the whole the surface of the sea takes a white appearance. The rolling of the sea becomes heavy and shock-like. Visibility is affected.	10	Whole Gale	48-55	37	23	37	46.7	6.20.5	14.9	10.5	376	530	37
					38	25	40	50	6.2-20.8	15.4	10.7	392	600	38
					40	28	45	58	6.5-21.7	16.1	11.4	444	710	42
11	Exceptionally high waves (Small and medium-sized ships might for a long time be lost to view behind the waves.) The sea is completely covered with long white patches of foam lying along the direction of the wind. Everywhere the edges of the wave crests are blown into froth. Visibility affected.	11	Storm	56-63	42	31	50	64	7-23	17.0	12.0	492	830	47
					44	36	58	73	7-24.2	17.7	12.5	534	960	52
					46	40	64	81	7-25	18.6	13.1	590	1110	57
12	Air filled with foam and spray. Sea completely white with driving spray; visibility very seriously affected.	12	Hurricane	64-71.	48	44	71	90	7.5-26	19.4	13.8	650	1250	63
					50	49	78	99	7.5-27	20.2	14.3	700	1420	69
					51.5	52	83	106	8-28.2	20.8	14.7	736	1560	73
					52	54	87	110	8-28.5	21.0	14.8	750	1610	75
					54	59	95	121	8-29.5	21.8	15.4	810	1800	81
					56	64	103	130	8-5-31	22.6	16.3	910	2100	88
					59.5	73	116	148	10-32	24	17.0	985	2500	101
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Duration Limited Graph

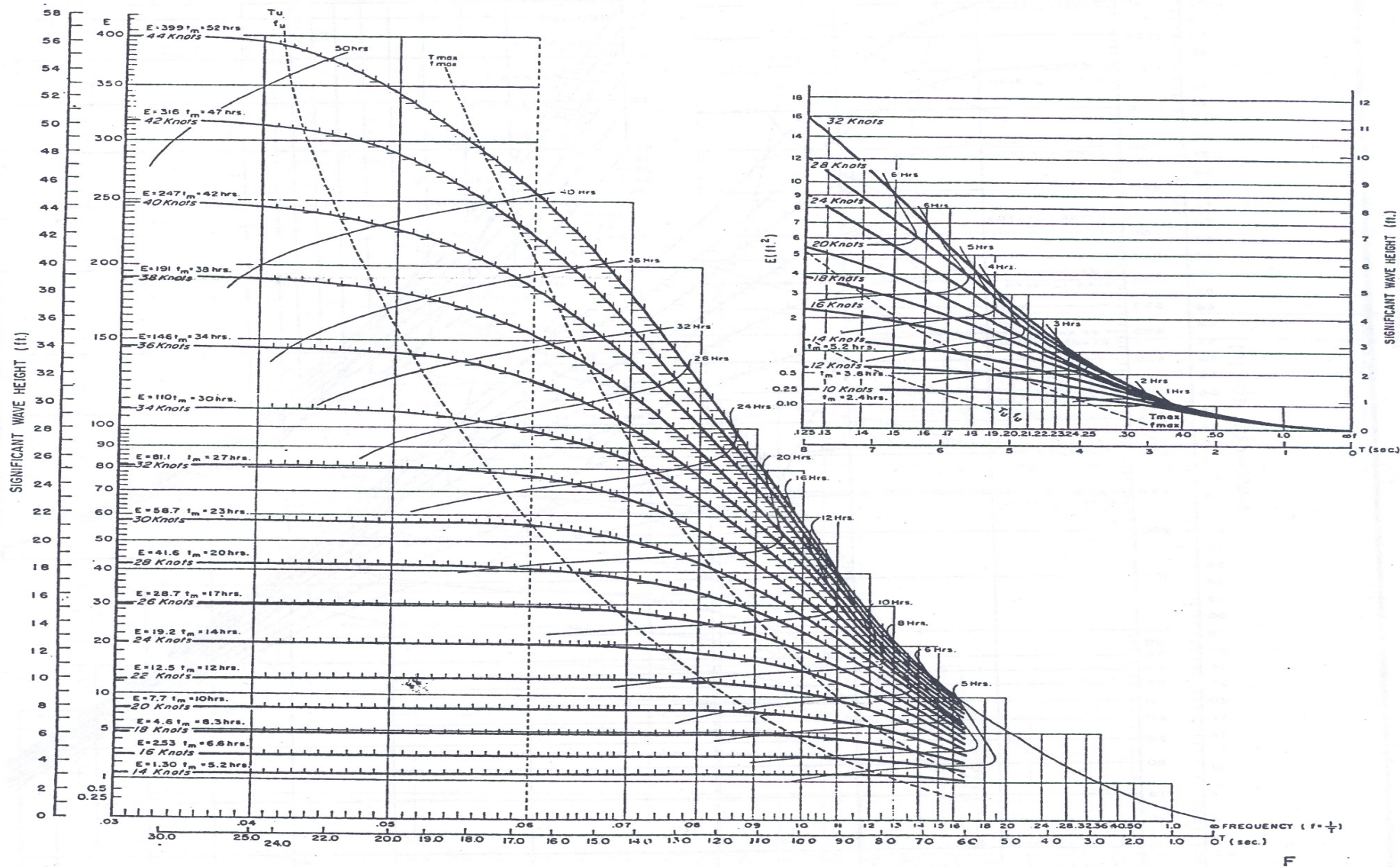
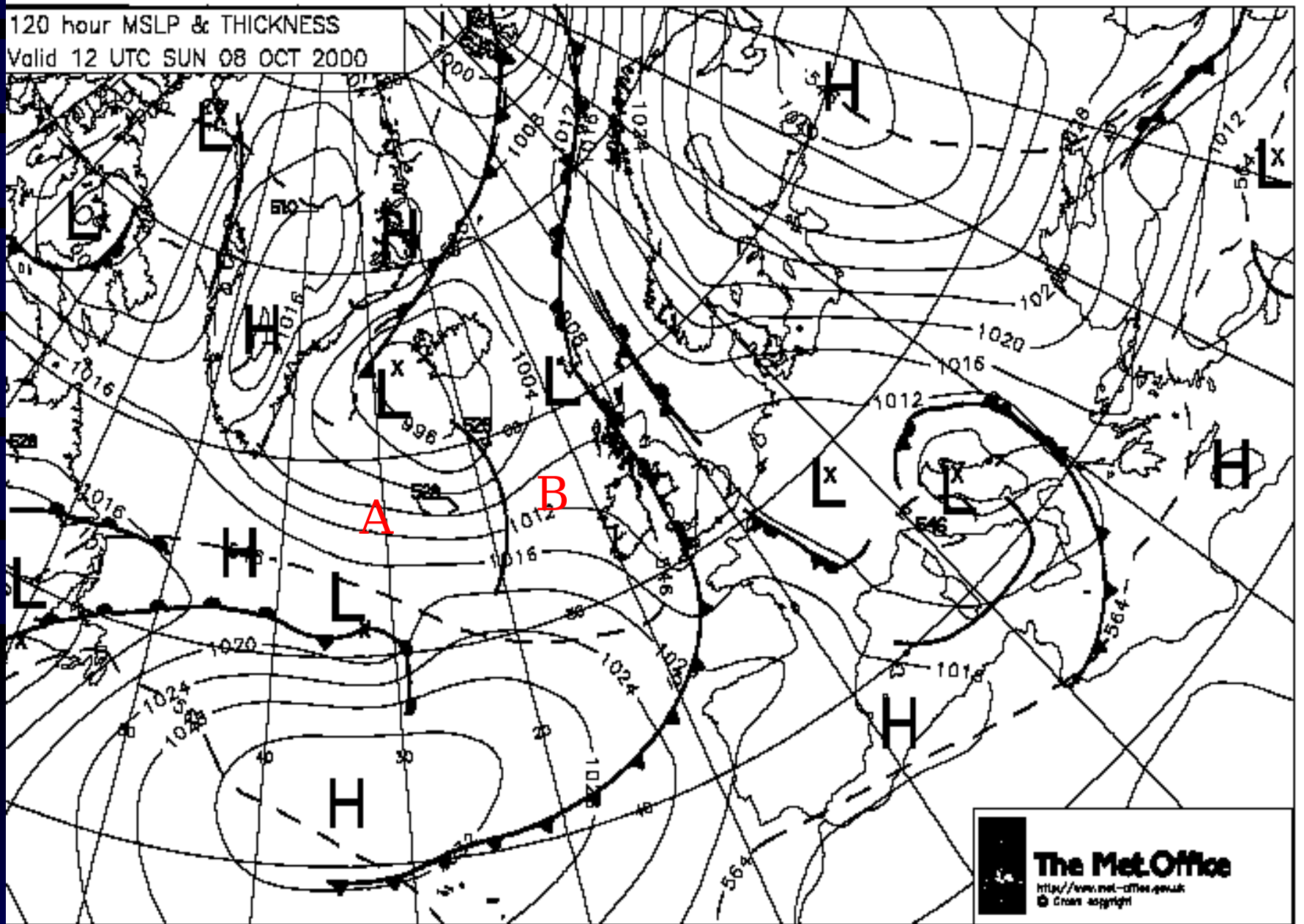


Figure 14-7.—Sea and swell graph 1a. Distorted C. C. S. (duration graph-wind speeds 10-44 knots).

120 hour MSLP & THICKNESS
Valid 12 UTC SUN 08 OCT 2000



Change of wind direction

- When wind direction changes two things will happen:
 - The new wind will build up a new sea, causing a confused sea for a time.
 - If wind changes direction by less than 30° then wave characteristics are calculated as if there had been no change in wind direction.

Fully Developed Sea

- Development is subject to duration and fetch.
- If development is curtailed by lack of time, it is 'duration limited'.
- If development is curtailed by lack of fetch, it is 'fetch limited'.
- A fully arisen sea from calm to gale force will take approximately 24 hrs.

Swell

- Once the wind which produced the SS alters direction or speed, then the sea will decay as swell, using 2 processes:
 - Dispersion
 - Angular Spreading

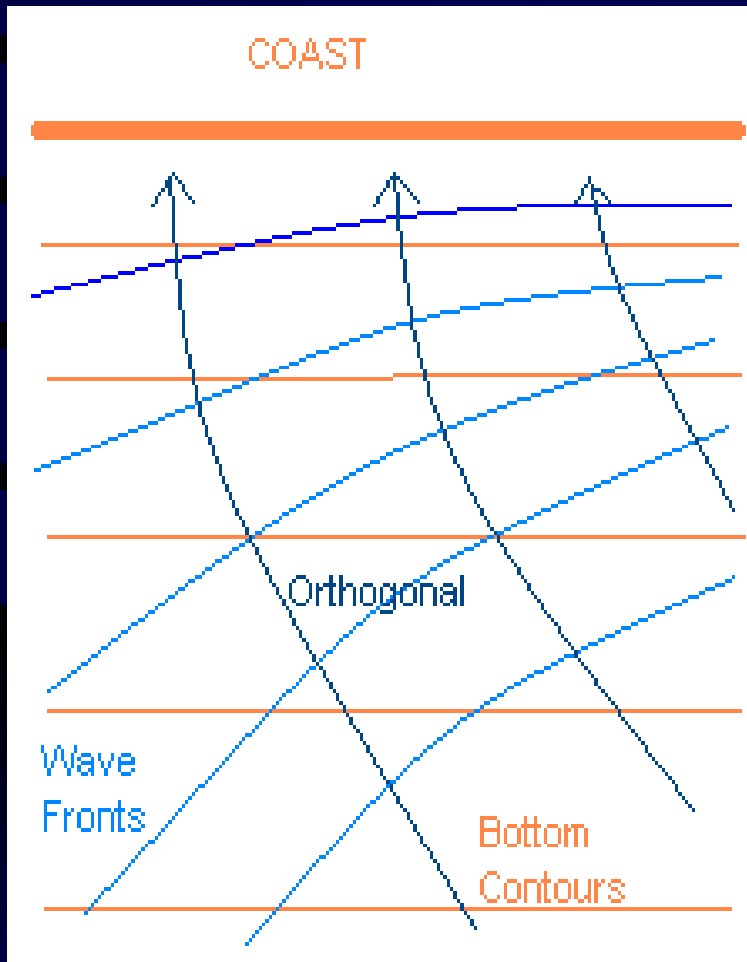
Shallow water

- Lower frequency wave are effected by the seabed.
- Waves are effected when the depth of water is less than half the wavelength of the waves.

Effects of shallow water

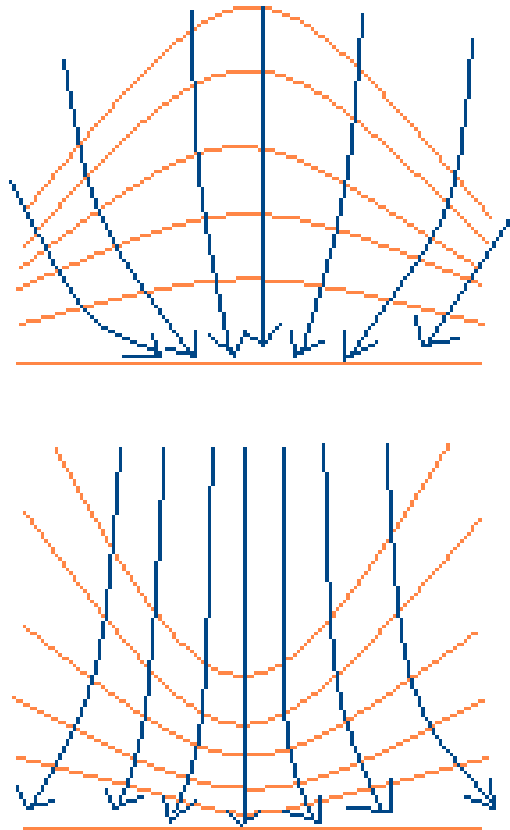
- Interaction with the seabed will cause energy loss through frictional effects, acting as a low frequency cut-off.
- Lines of waves moving obliquely towards the shore line, are subject to progressive, curving and refraction.

Refraction of waves



- The figure illustrates the effect of refraction of a simple wave.
- The Orthogonal represents the direction wave fronts travel.
- Orthogonals become curved during the process of refraction, tending to converge or diverge.

Wave refraction



- **Convergence** at the head of a submarine ridge.
- **Divergence** at the head of a submarine valley.

Sea State Presentation

Sea State	Number	Wind Force	Wave Height(m)
Calm(glassy)	0	0	0
Calm(rippled)	1	1	0 - 0.1
Smooth(wavelets)	2	2/3	0.1 - 0.5
Slight	3	3/4	0.5 - 1.25
Moderate	4	4/5	1.25 - 2.5
Rough	5	6	2.5 - 4.0
Very Rough	6	7/8	4.0 - 6.0
High	7	8/9	6.0 - 9.0
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Swell Forecast Presentation

- Swell Wavelength:

- Short less up to 300ft (with a period of than 7.6 sec)
- Average 300-600ft (period of 7.6 to 10.8sec)
- Long than over 600ft (period greater 10.8 sec)

Swell Forecast Presentation

- Swell Height:

- Very Low	1m or less	3.3ft or less
- Low	1-2m	3.3-6.6ft
- Moderate	2-4m	6.6-13ft
- Heavy	over 4m	over 13ft

- Swell direction is given to the nearest two compass points

HF WxFax



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TIME	AREA	CHART	TIME	AREA	CHART
0230Z		TEST PATTERN	0951Z	6	SATELLITE PICTURE
0233Z	1	00Z PRELIM SFC ANAL	1002Z	2	RETRANSMIT 0925Z
0243Z		SCHEDULE PART 1	1015Z	3	RETRANSMIT 0938Z
0254Z		SCHEDULE PART 2	1028Z		END TRANSMISSION
0305Z		REQ FOR COMMENTS	1400Z		TEST PATTERN
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0325Z	2	00Z SFC ANAL PART 1	1420Z		SCHEDULE PART 2
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0835Z	4	36HR 500 MB VT 12Z	1736Z	3	RETRANSMIT 1538Z
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0938Z	3	06Z SFC ANAL PART 2			

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1915Z	1	24HR WIND/WV VT 12Z	2105Z	4	96HR WV PERIOD VT 12Z
1925Z	1	24HR 500 MB VT 12Z	2115Z	4	RETRANSMIT 2045Z
1935Z	4	36HR 500 MB VT 00Z	2125Z	2	18Z SFC ANAL PART 1
1945Z	4	48HR 500 MB VT 12Z	2138Z	3	18Z SFC ANAL PART 2
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AREAS: 1=28N-52N, 45W-85W 2=15N-65N, 10E-45W
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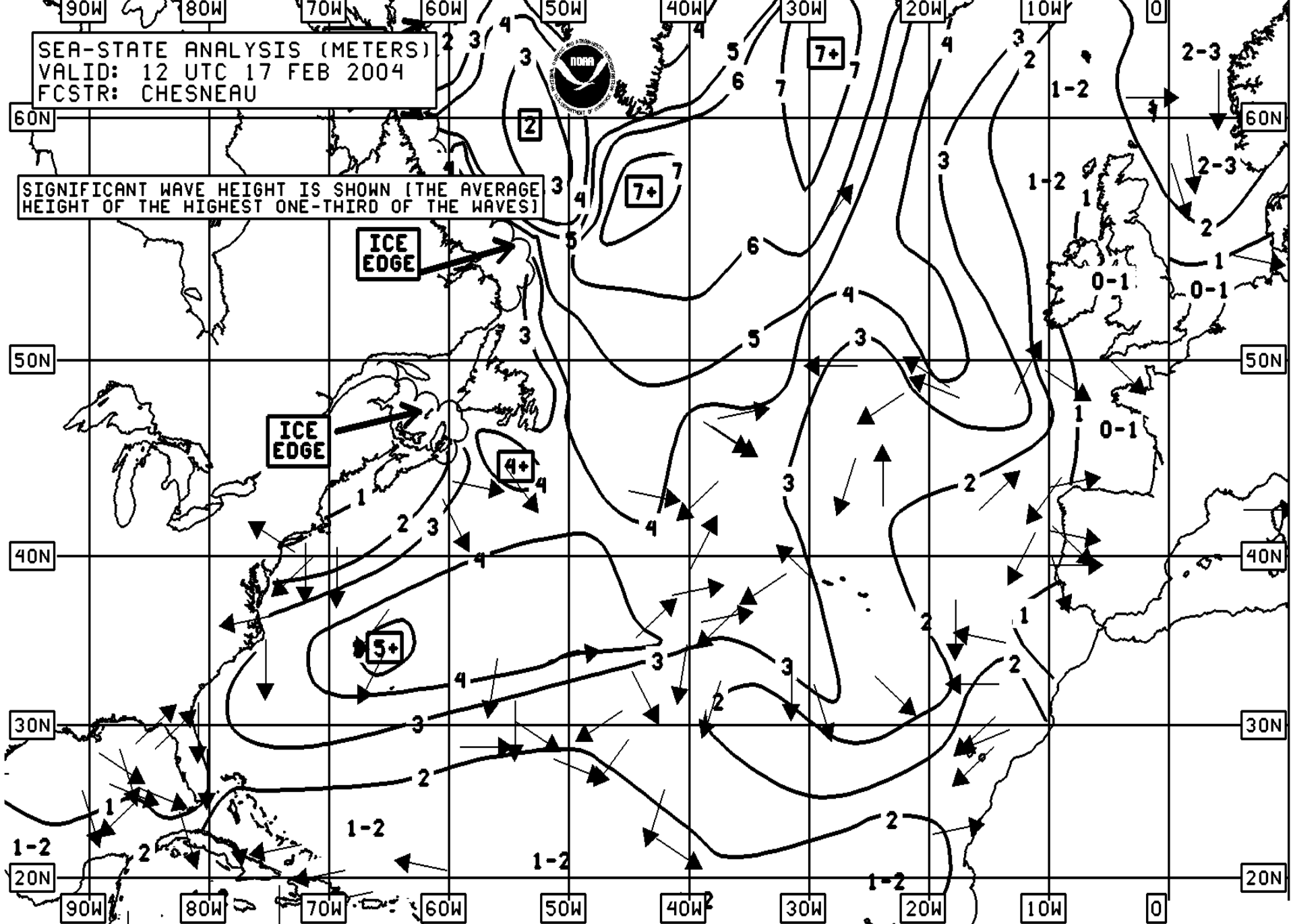
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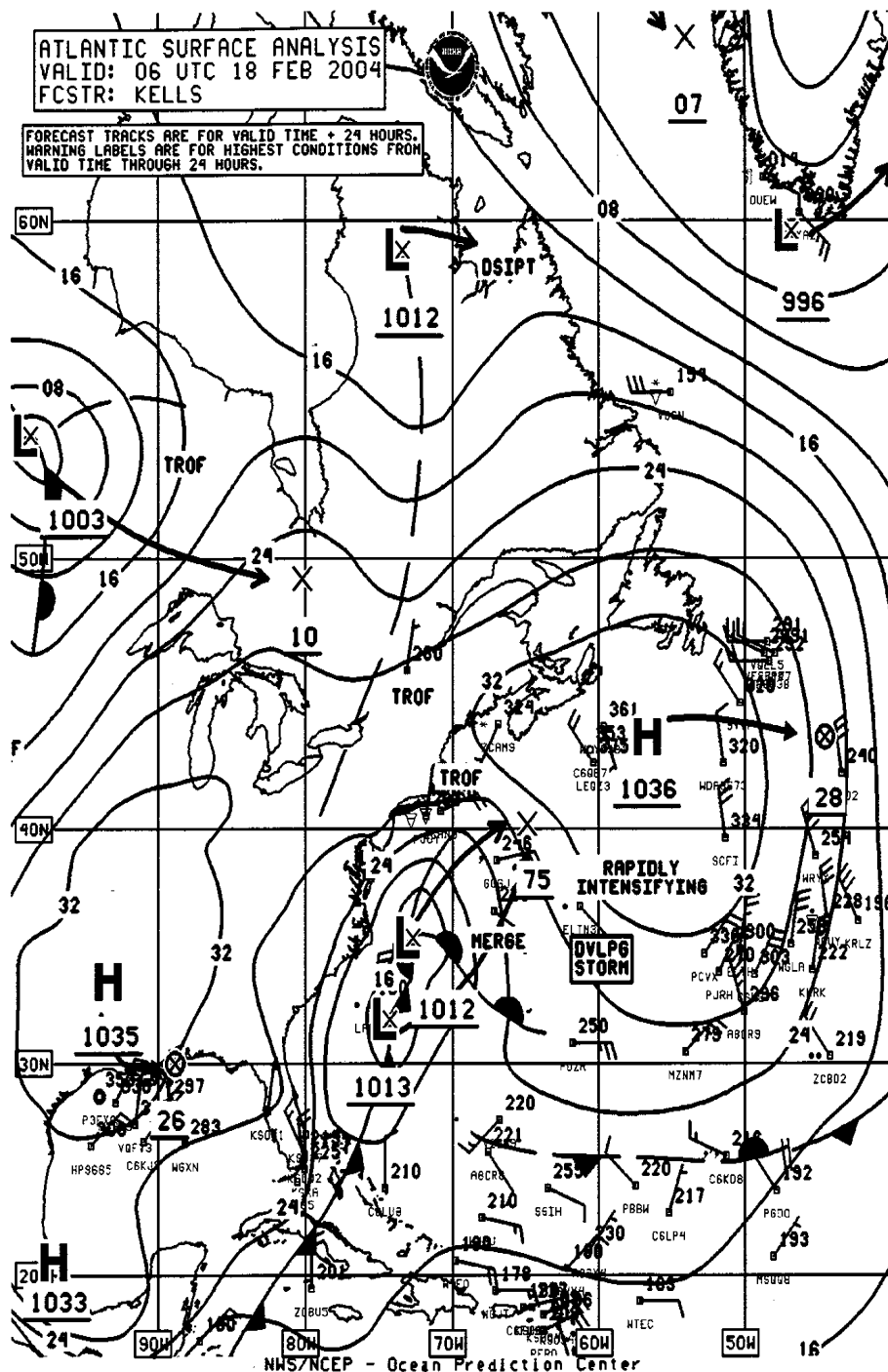
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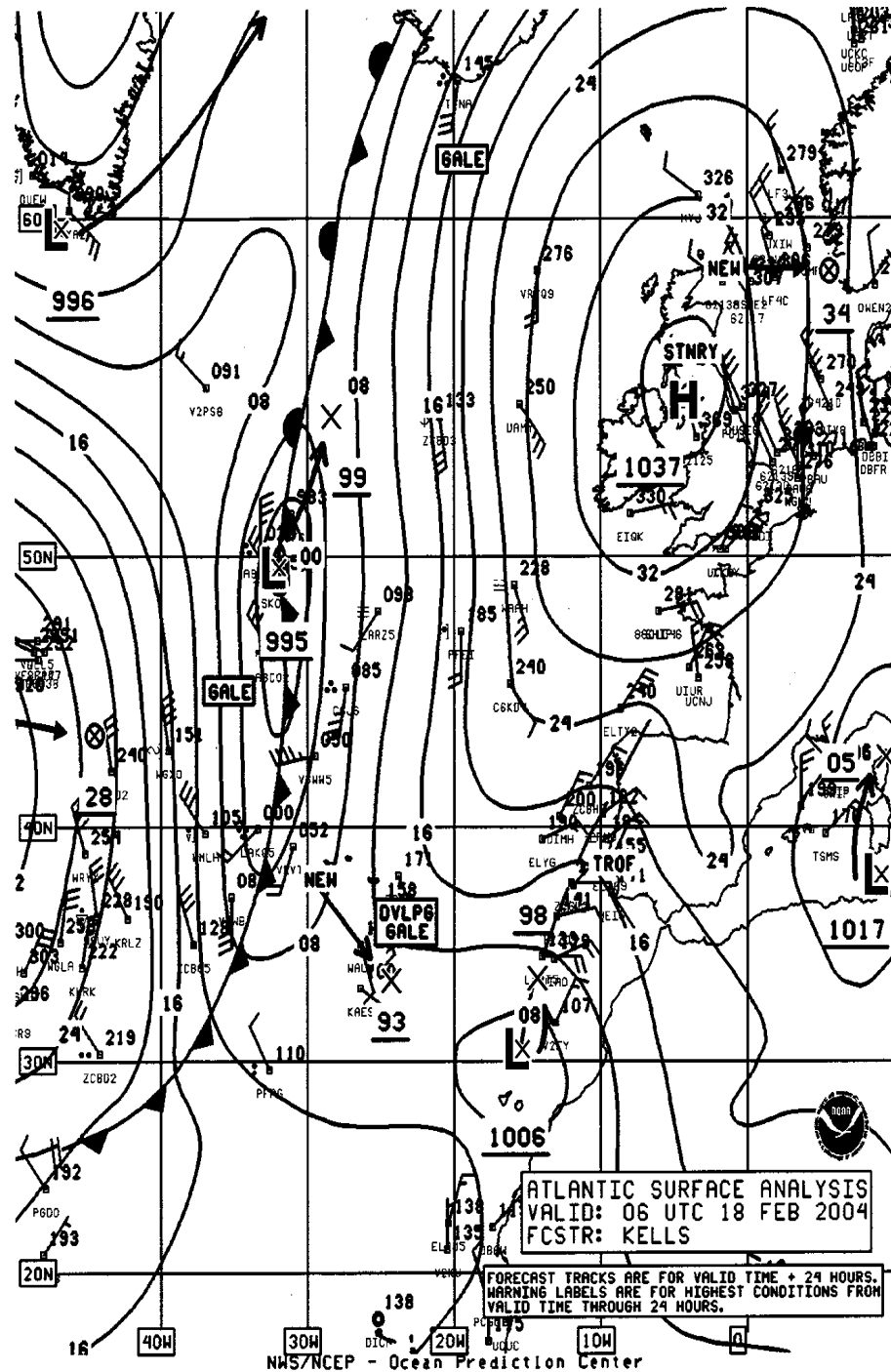
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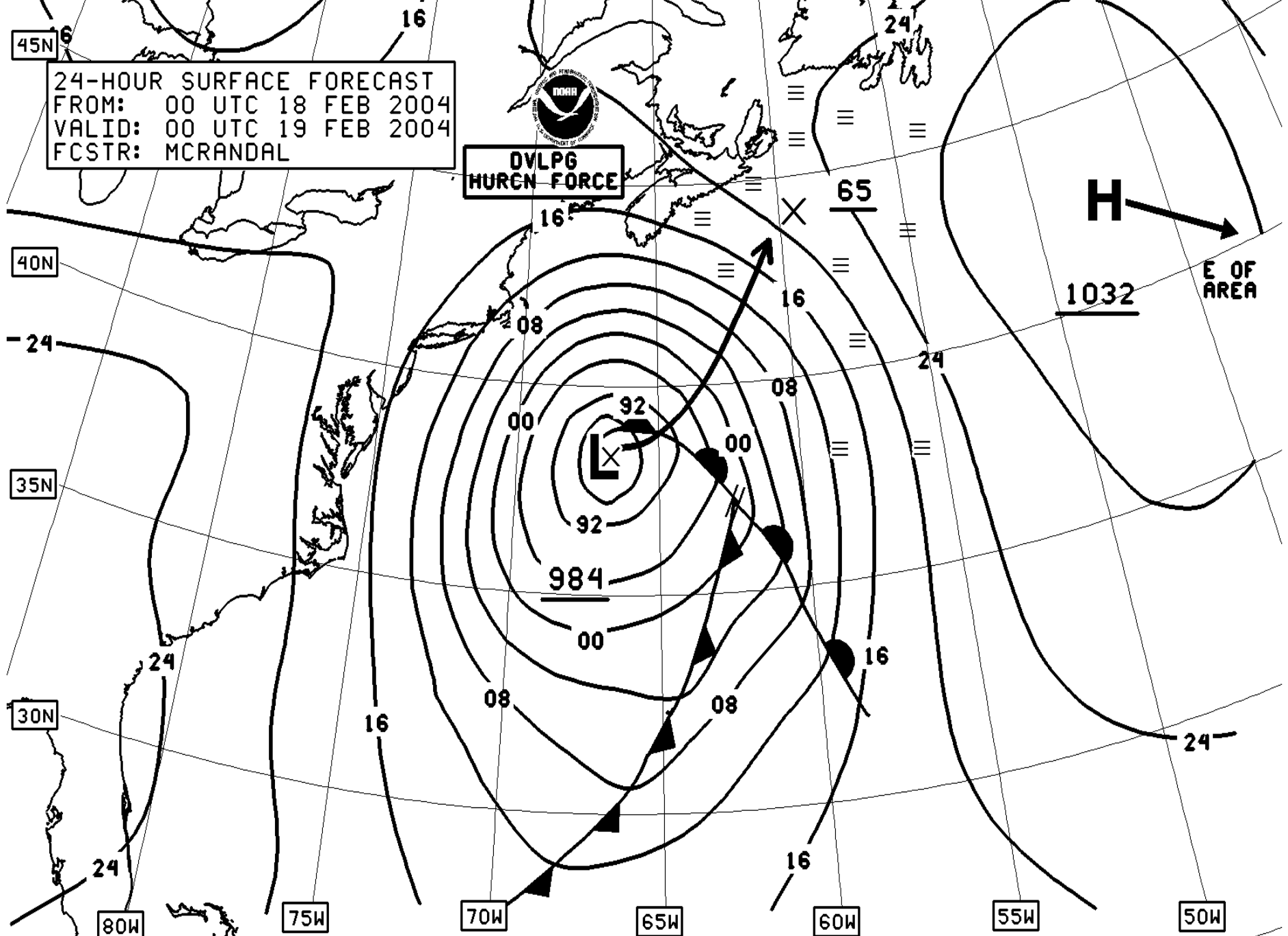
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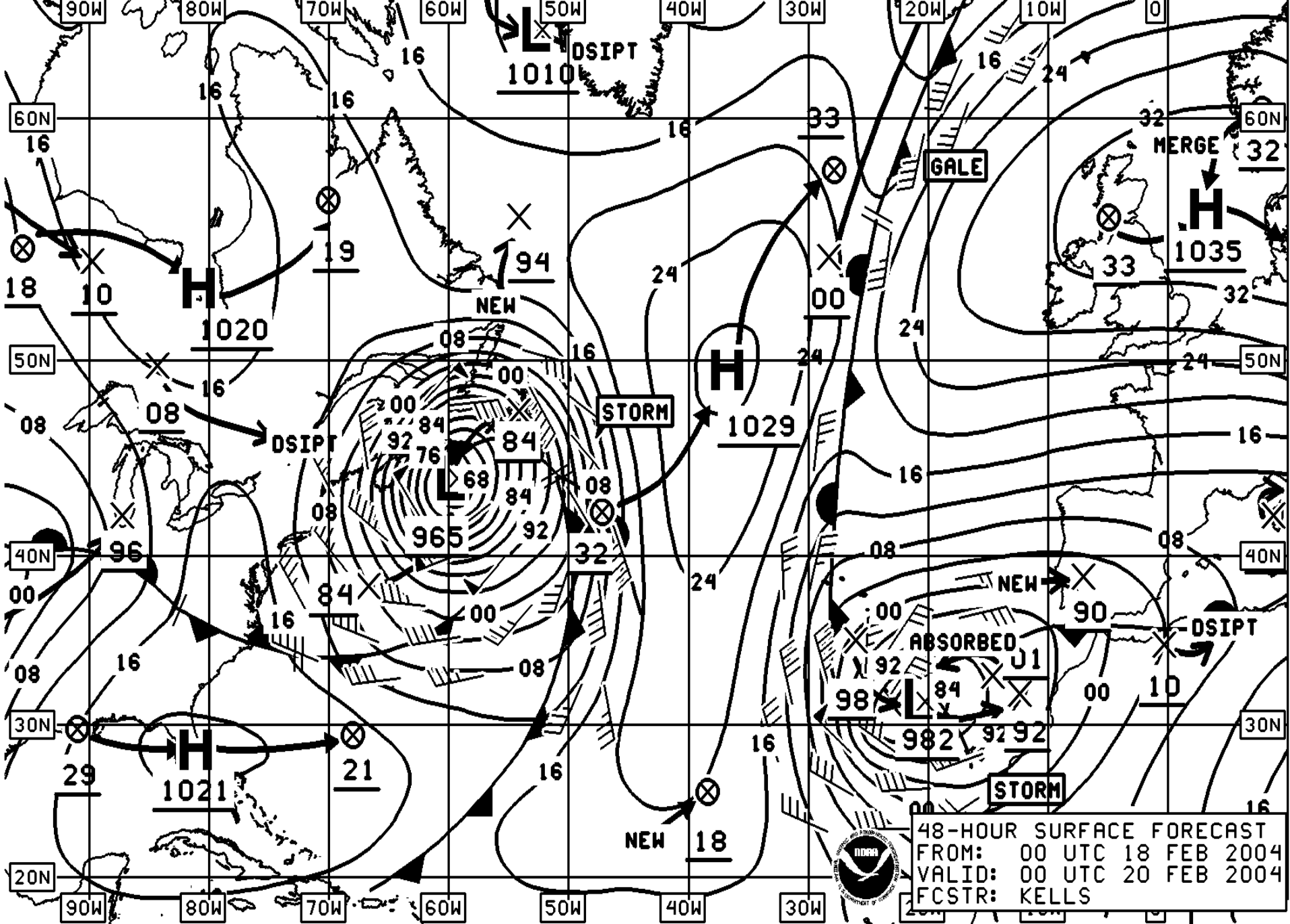
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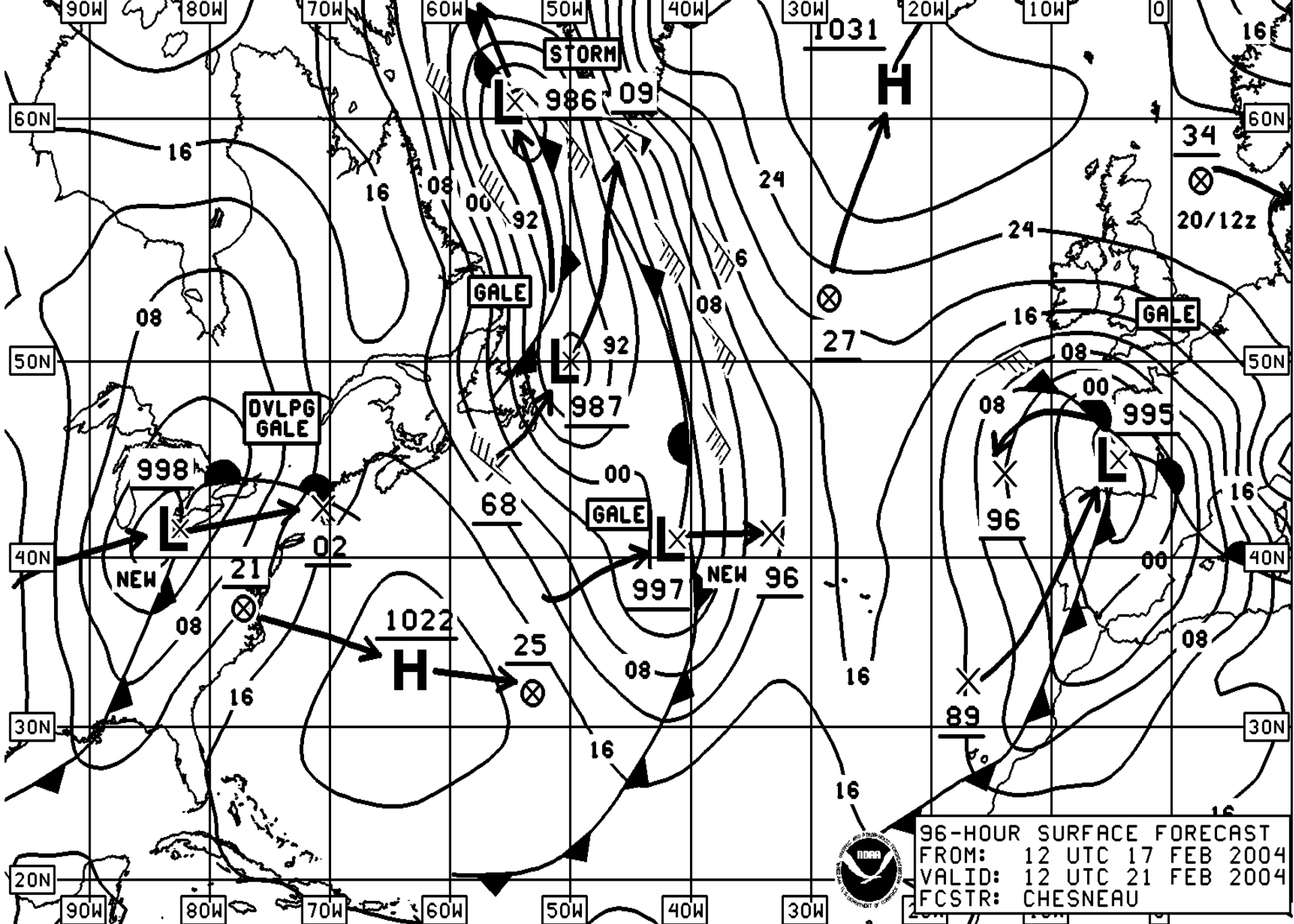


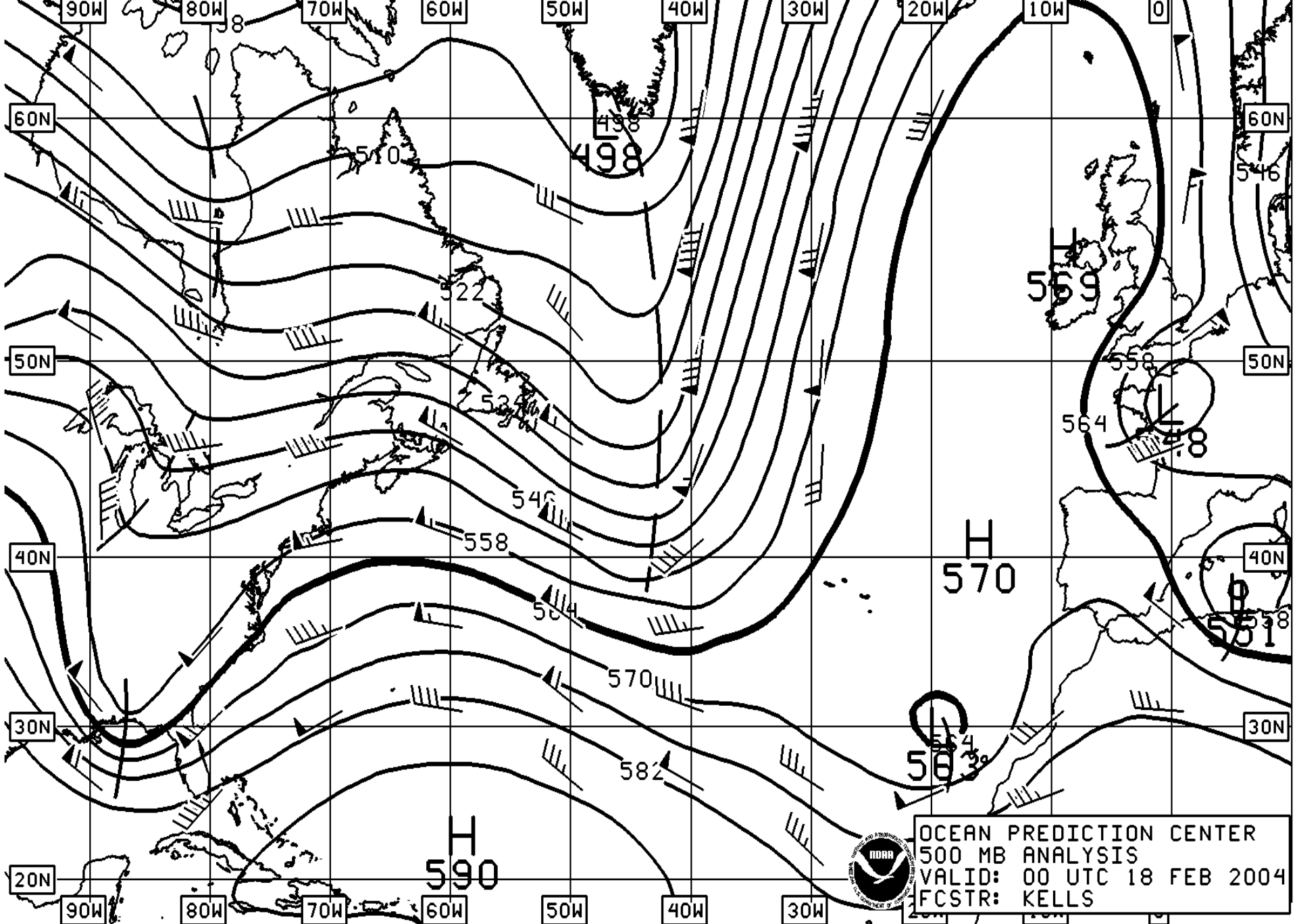


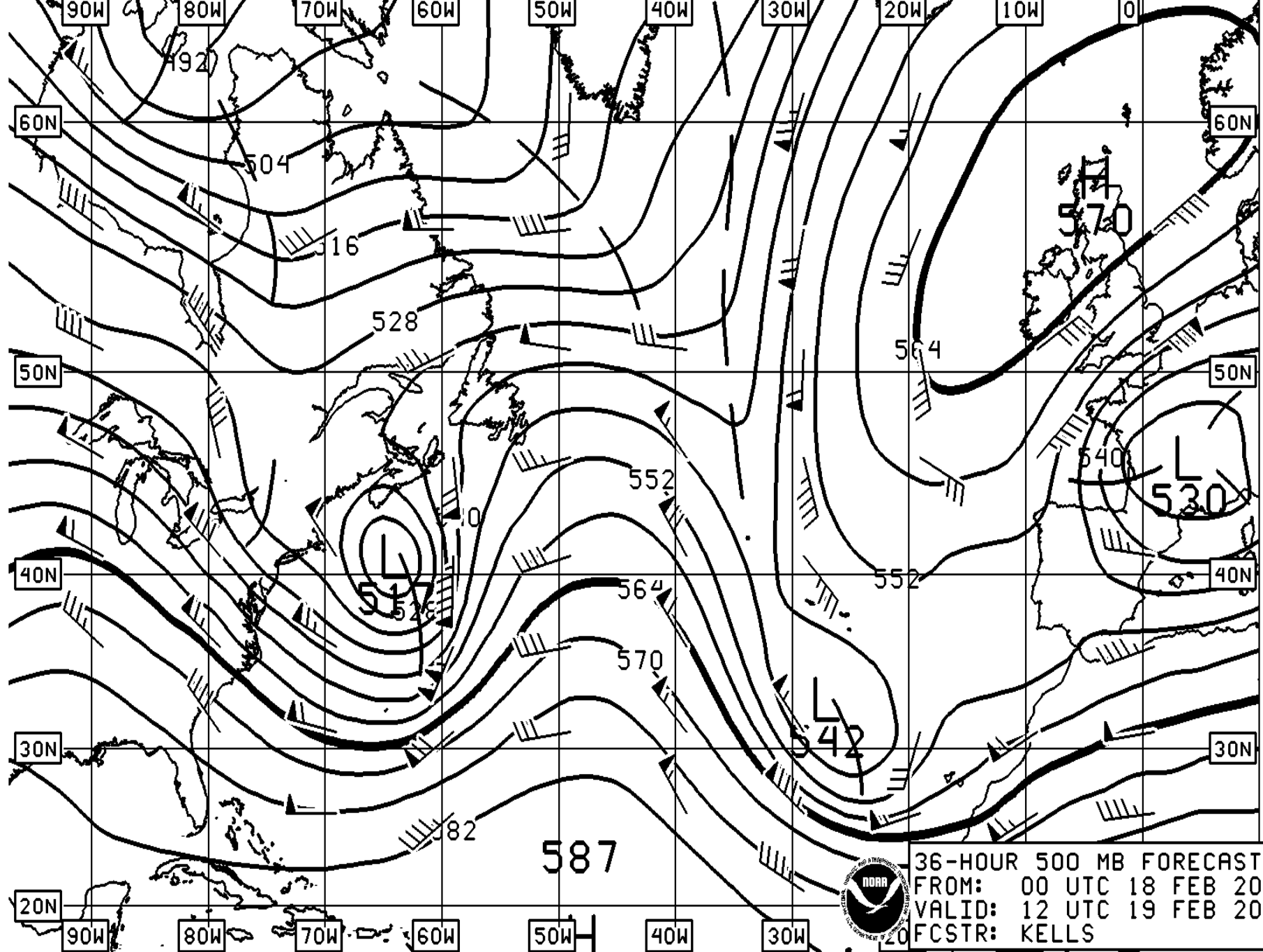
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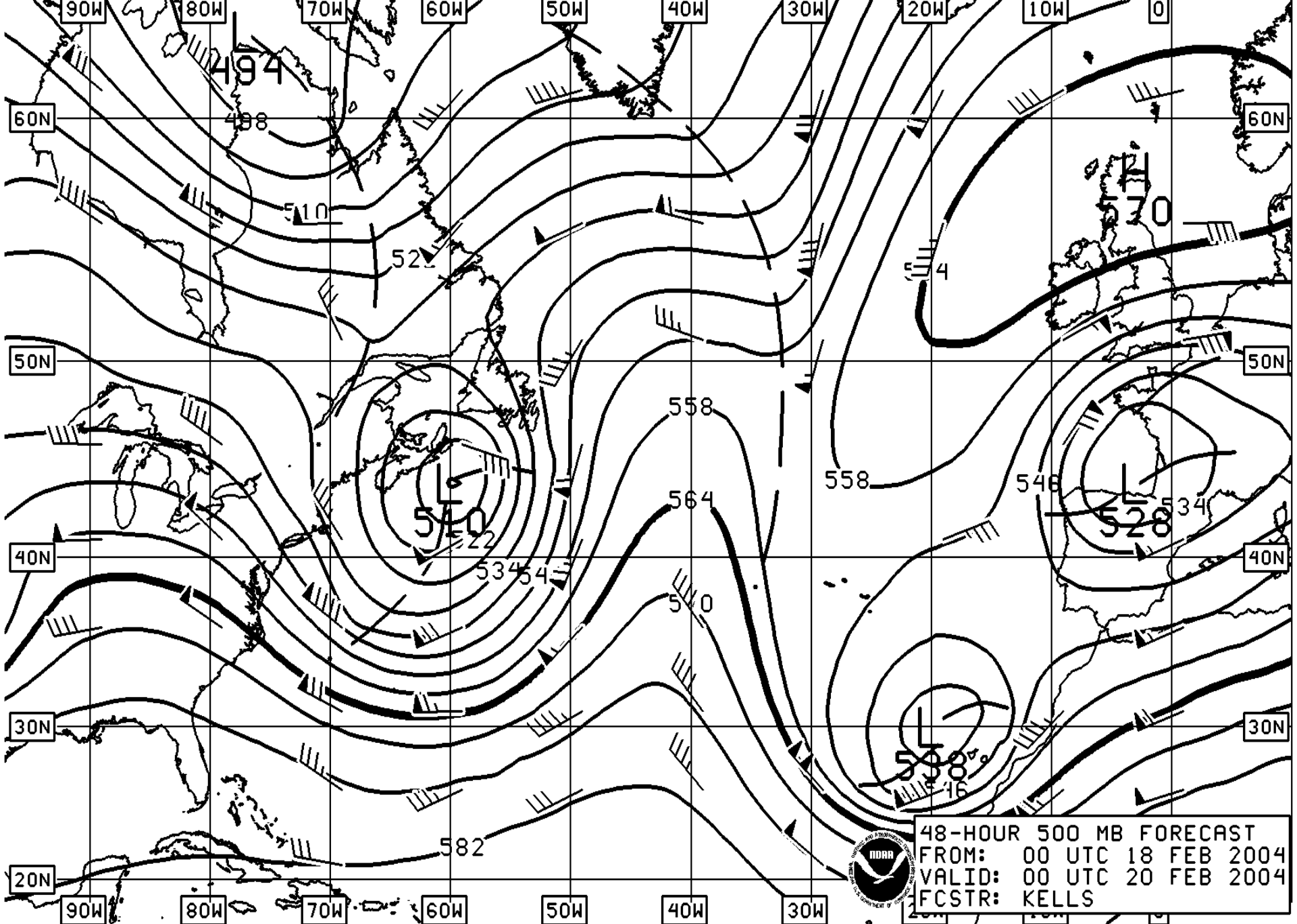
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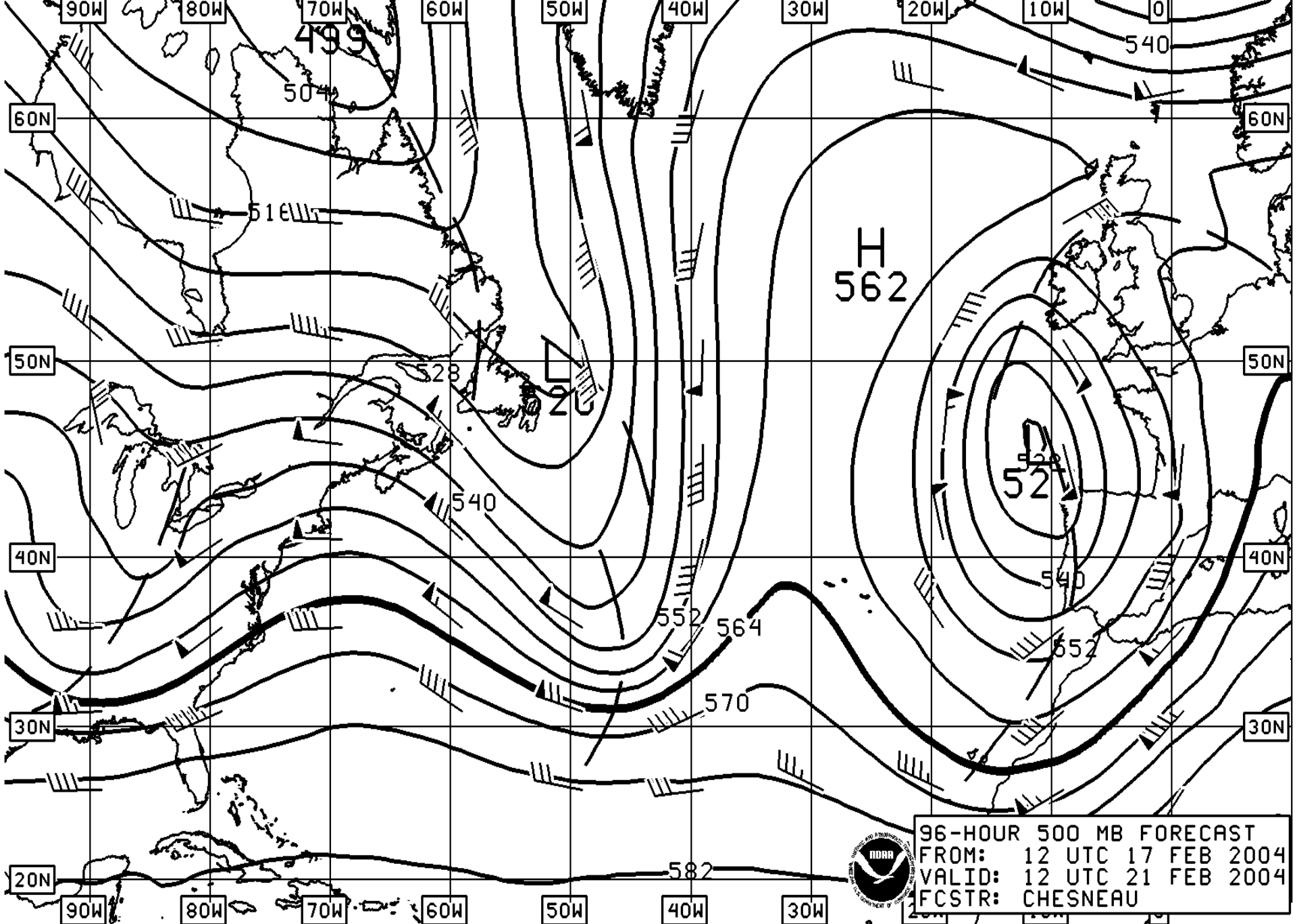








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